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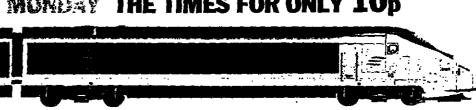


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Archbishop says a loving slap can be good for children



Carey: extends support

BY RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE ARCHBISHOP of Canterbury. Dr George Carey, said yester-day that children should sometimes be slapped to lay down moral loundations for life.

In comments which reopened the debate on corporal punishment and sparked immediate criticism. Dr Carey, who has four children and five grandchildren, said that there was nothing wrong with gently slapping a child that transgressed, as long as it was done with love.

His remarks come five months after Tony Blair, the Labour leader. admitted smacking his children, are some things they can't do."

Dr Carey, interviewed by Kate Adie on BBC Radio 2 for its World of Faith week, said that morality started in the family. "It starts when people bring up children with firm boundaries. You say, 'don't do this', 'you mustn't do that' and you gently slap them if they do transgress and there is nothing wrong with that as long as it is done with love and with firm discipline within the family set-

Dr Carey added: "We older people must practise what we preach. So I don't think we pontificate from on high. We actually live the kind of discipline we are young people to grow up with."
He said the kind of guidelines he meant were to be found in the Bible. For example, I want to go back to the firm teaching of the Ten Com-

mandments. It has statements

about living together, faithfulness,

about honesty, about loving God."
Dr Carey, whose daughters Rachel and Lizzie have five sons
between them, reiterated his support for moral crusade launched by Frances Lawrence, widow of the murdered London headmaster, Philip Lawrence.

The archbishop said: "I think we must catch the moment. This is obviously a time when people are

saying: "Children must realise there wanting a future generation of very confused and very concerned. They see young people growing up without a sense of moral direction and therefore we, the older generation, must help them."

Last night Dr Carey was defended by his son, Andrew Carey, editor of The Church of England Newspaper, who said: I support what he has said. I grew up in a background where there was gentle discipline which gave us all an idea of right and wrong."

Mr Carey, who was divorced and is remarried but has no children, said: "It does not mean we are perfect, but we do have a sense of right and wrong as a result of that

According to the report of a two-year inquiry funded by the NSPCC and published this week, at least criticism from organisations in-volved with educating young children. Margaret Lochrie, chief executive of the Pre-School Learning one million children are abused each year, a figure reached by Alliance, which forbids hitting adopting an unusually broad definichildren, said: The problem with tion covering everything from actions resulting in criminal convictions to the broader effects of saying that hitting a child is all right

deprivation". Daphne Statham, co-author of the report, said that a slap could escalate into something more serious.

"I am just fed up with this blooming debate. It is totally But it is one thing for me to say that, and another thing for the leader of the Church of England to say that it trivialising the whole thing. We are is okay if we do smack our talking about children who are

Supermarket bank planned by Sainsbury

By Caroline Merrell and Noel Fung

largest supermarket, which has been losing market share, plans to offer full banking services to its 12 million customers from the New Year.

The bank will offer current and deposit accounts, overdraft facilities and a range of credit cards. Mortgages are unlikely to be offered initially but will be considered when the bank is established.

All services will be offered over the telephone. The move by the store is seen as the most aggressive bid yet to win back market share from Tesco.

Before Sainsbury's Bank can open it will need authorisation under the Banking Act from the Bank of England. This has already

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Clocks go back

British Summer Time ends at 2am tomorrow when clocks should be put back one hour.

The Times on the Internet http://www.the-times.co.uk cent by the Bank of Scotland. Earlier this year, Sainsbury suffered its first slump in profits since it became a public company 22 years ago. Profits fell from £808 million to £764 million for the 12 months

to March 1996. The store blamed its relatively poor performance on the supermarket war which has been hotting up with Tesco. It also said that it had concentrated on selling its own-label products rather than branded

Sainsbury claims surveys showed that its customers were dissatisfied with the service they are receiving from their banks.

David Sainsbury, chair-man, said: "Our customers tell us they want good, efficient and reliable banking services. In Sainsbury's Bank, customers will have the reassurance of a name they know and trust, coupled with the banking expertise of the Bank of

Together we are committed to providing our customers with the most up-to-date and efficient direct banking services in the UK."

The store refused to give details of services the bank would provide but said it would offer competitive rates of interest. At present most high street banks pay 3 per cent interest on an instant access account.

Sainsbury says it will be able to offer competitive rates because telephone banking has a very low cost base. It aims to attract bank customers through intensive marketing at its 365 stores around the

Both Tesco and Sainsbury rose 5p to 283p.

SAINSBURY plans to become been applied for. The new already offer loyalty cards to the first supermarket chain to bank will be 55 per cent owned customers. Tesco offers the Plus. The Clubcard allows customers to build up discounts on groceries, while the Clubcard Plus is similar to a bank account. Customers make deposits in an interestbearing account from which

they pay at the checkout.

The interest on the account is currently 5 per cent. Those who overdraw on this account pay 9 per cent interest. Tesco said 8.5 million of its customers had taken out the Clubcard.

Sainsbury also offers it customers a loyalty card which gives discounts on groceries. It has seven million users.

Peter Burt, chief executive of the Bank of Scotland, said: "Combining Sainsbury's unri-valled retailing experience and reputation for good value and trust with the Bank of Scotland's experience in telebanking will result in a compelling alternative to the conventional high street bank or building society."
However, financial analysts

were not convinced that the move would transform the battle between Sainsbury and Tesco, and did not believe it would turn the supermarket into a direct competitor to the

high street banks.
"It might help to tie in the loyalty of existing customers, but that's about it. Who will close their accounts with Lloyd's Bank or Midland Bank? They might use it as a subsidiary account," said one analyst. He expected that Tesco would follow suit next

By the close of trading on the stock market, shares in Sainsbury had risen Ilp to 361p. Bank of Scotland shares



It's good to talk: Tessa Jowell, right, with fellow Labour MP Harriet Harman

New Labour, new irritant

By James Landale POLITICAL REPORTER

THE mobile phone, that vital tool of the modern workplace and irritant to thousands, has finally breached the last bastion of low-tech tranquillity: the House of Commons.

Tessa Jowell, Labour MP for Dulwich and frontbench spokeswoman on health, yesterday broke the unwritten rule that MPs must turn off their mobiles and bleeps before they enter the Chamber. With a resounding melodic chime of "da, da, daa" that

stunned MPs, her phone rang out during the debate on

health. Although bleeps have gone off before, this is thought to be the first time that a mobile phone has rung. Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, who was at the Dispatch Box, sat down. clearly shaken by this new

As Ms Jowell struggled in her handbag to turn the phone off, Dame Janet Fookes, the Deputy Speaker, gave her a stern telling off. The Speaker has very strong views about modern technol ogy. It should not be heard in this Chamber!"

Although there is no formal

Chamber, Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker, has made it clear that all devices must be turned off. Visitors to the Strangers Gallery are not permitted to take them in.

Mobile phones are banned from Commons committees, the terrace, bars and restaurants. Traditionalist MPs still prefer to use that more ancient form of communication - the hand-written note.

Yesterday Ms Jowell apolo-ised to Dame Janet. "I gised to Dame Janel always turn it off. But I have iust bought a new phone and I picked it out of the car in a hurry and just forgot."

Prince in plea for jobless young BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE Prince of Wales yesterday went on the offensive against youth unemployment, asking business to support an expansion of his charity which offers the jobless voluntary

He attacked what he called the "terrible waste" of 600,000 unemployed people under the age of 25 and asked for support for his "millennium crusade" which aims to recruit 25,000 young people a year, two-thirds of them unemployed, to his Volunteers scheme.

St James's Palace said that the Prince had been pursuing broadly similar objectives to those of Frances Lawrence, widow of the dead headmaster, for nearly 20 years, ever since his Prince's Trust charity was first established.

"The whole thrust of the Prince's efforts has been to help young people to succeed. to prevent them feeling alienated, and to make them recognise that they belong to society and have a role in it," one of

his senior officials said.

The Volunteers scheme, launched six years ago and widely known as "Charlie's Angels", has so far put 12,000 young people through short courses to teach them communication and citizenship and to involve them in community projects. The expansion of the scheme has the backing of John Major, Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown.

The Prince, addressing a conference of the Institute of Personnel and Development in Harrogate, said: "When I first started out on this particular venture I was motivated by the fact that we were the only country in Europe which did not provide our young people with the opportunity to contribute something to their country at one point in their lives. There is so much to contribute to, so much that Continued on page 2, col 7

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Howard to spend £3bn on new jails

By RICHARD FORD

TWELVE new prisons costing 13 billion to build and run will be needed to cope with the prisoners to be jailed as a result of radical sentencing proposals announced by the Government yesterday.

The proposals met a bar-rage of criticism from penal reform groups and set Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, on a collision course with the judiciary.

The most radical sentencing proposals this century will introduce American-style minimum terms for persistent burglars and dealers in hard drugs, and automatic life terms for repeat violent and sexual offenders. The Bill also provides for greater supervison of sex offenders and will end the Home Secretary's power to veto the release of offenders, such as the boys jailed for killing James Bulger. Mr Howard's plans would add 11,000 inmates to the prison population, expected to be 62,000 by spring. He said his Bill was the biggest step in

the fight against crime.

Lord Donaldson, a former Master of the Rolls, said: This will produce injustice, gross injustice in particular second offence, or indeed both offences. were committed under gross provocation, per-haps in a domestic context, [yet] they shall be sentenced to life imprisonment".

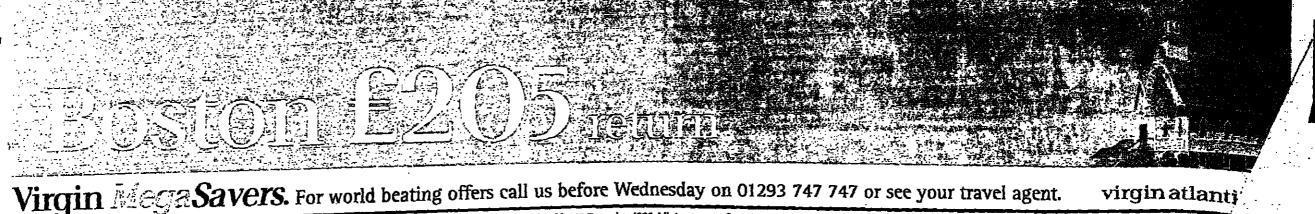
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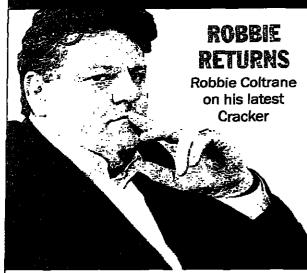
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Clarke warns Tory candidates to toe line on single currency

POLITICAL EDITOR

KENNETH CLARKE warned Tory candidates yesterday that opposing a single European currency in their general election addresses would "give comfort to their enemies".

In an interview in which he again dampened hopes of big Budget tax cuts, the Chancellor and Cabinet's leading pro-European urged candidates to stick to the agreed Govern-ment line of neither ruling in nor ruling out a single curren-cy but promising a referen-

Enough is

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Labour

posters

By PHILIP WEBSTER

LABOUR is to launch its pre-Budget campaigning next week with posters that attack

the Conservatives' record and

carry the slogan "Enough is

A senior party source said

that the aim of the nationwide

campaign was to ensure that voters did not forget the al-leged failings of 17 years of Tory rule. We have to revive

Tony Blair hinted at the new

campaign during the Queen's Speech debate in the Com-mons on Wednesday. He said

then that the last hope for the Tories was a massive collec-tive attack of national amne-

sia". Issues covered by the new posters, devised by the BMP

advertising agency, include tax rises, VAT on fuel, BSE,

arms for Iraq and cash for

inspired New Labour, New

Danger series, which Labour strategists admit privately has

made an impact, particularly with long-time Tory voters

who had threatened to defect.

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The campaign has been drawn up as one of the counters to the Tories' Saatchidum first. Euro-sceptics have claimed that up to 100 candidates may express their antipathy towards monetary union. But Mr Clarke, who ruled out any change in Cabinet policy before the election, said that "sensible" Tory candidates would look at the consensus

that had been achieved. "They will see the eminent common sense of getting themselves behind that and they will not seek to help the Labour Party by disrupting it in the run-up to an election. My own advice is when you stand as a Conservative candi-

the Conservative Party. You only give comfort to your enemies if you start varying

Mr Clarke, in an interview in the London Evening Standard, attacked Lord Tebbit for challenging the Government's wait-and-see policy. He said that Lord Tebbit would have been furious if, when he was chairman of the party, an elder statesman had been rampaging about the coun-

try" disagreeing with the policies of the party. Mr Clarke said he would

election Christmas tree". In his last interview before the Budget, he said: "I don't think people, when they listen to my Budget, are going to think this is a kind of bran-tub where I pull out some more money to be spent on this there, some tax to be cut off that. What

economic recovery." Mr Clarke dismissed suggestions that his stance on Europe had spoiled his hopes of becoming Tory leader.
"Politics depends both for

some clear principles, clear opinions on policy, sticking to them and delivering them. Anybody in the roller-coaster life of politics who spends his entire time wondering whether the next move is going up a bit or a bit down is completely

"If all the way through you they want the Budget to reashave said clearly what you believe in, clearly what you sure them on is this healthy propose to do and demonstrated that in practice, in office. you can deliver it, that on the whole is the best approach to

wasting their time.

that differentiated between them. "This one you peel potatoes with. This one is concerned with the culture of violence," he said. He urged mothers to write to John Major, to argue for a ban.

The Prince's immediate objective is to expand his Volun-teers, so that by 2000 it will be taking 18,000 young unem-ployed people a year on 12-week courses, to mix with 7,000 employed people in the hope that one group can give something to the other. His aim is to persuade industry to release its employees, and

play in developing not only your own young people but also some of those unlucky enough not to have a job or sufficiently alienated to have fallen into a rather frightening sub-culture," the Prince said. "Believe it or not, you can make a difference with this problem. Quite simply, it is just too big to be tackled without your help."

At present Volunteers runs personal development programme for 15 and 16-yearolds at more than 100 locations. Teams raising their own funds and choosing their own tasks perform a variety of community work, from refur-bishing buildings to helping in day care centres. At the end of the course volunteers receive a City and Guilds "profile of achievement" certificate and, from next year, they will be able to work for National

other countries followed the

German lead, it could create

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the spinal cord from sheep carcasses is more difficult

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normally exported whole and

France, the biggest importer

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over the sacking of its head-master after a fall in A-level performance. A meeting of 400 parents was told that the governors left because the decision to remove Peter Wilkes was made without their knowledge. The parents passed a vote of no confidence in the college council.

NEWS IN BRIEFS

Prescott

condemns*

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John Prescott called yester-

day for a mothers' crusade to

ban combat knives. The depu-

ty Labour leader held aloft a vegetable knife and an II in

Bowie knife, which he later

handed to police, and ridi-

culed ministers for claiming

that laws could not be drafted

Council move, page 7

Homes destroyed

A dozen houses and the contents from up to 350 other homes were destroyed when a fire and explosion gutted Pickfords' furniture reposi-tory in Chester. The blaze melted road signs and Tarmac outside the building. A 100-metre length of terrace houses looked as if it had been bombed, with burned-out cars littering the scene.

Crash finding

Crash investigators have ruled out mechanical failure as the cause of the helicopter crash in which Matthew Harding, Chelsea Football Club's vice-chairman, the pilot and three of Mr Harding's friends were killed. Air accident investigation branch experts are trying to find out why the pilot. Michael Goss. 38, was flying so low.

Dounreay 'safe'

Dounreay nuclear plant yes-terday dismissed allegations made by a former employee that the site's waste shaft was unstable and could cause a nuclear explosion. The UK Atomic Energy Authority insisted the shaft was safe "in the short to medium term although it admitted past methods of storing waste

Stillbirth hope

Magnetic resonance imaging could help doctors understand the cause of miscarriages or stillbirths without distressing the mother, doctors from the Middlesex Hospital suggest in The Lancet. The technique can be used instead of post mortem examinations, for which bereaved mothers often refuse

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Railway record

A model railway fetched EI,995 at Christie's South Kensington to an anonymous bidder. The price for Bournemouth Belle Pullman Train Set, which is so rare that some collectors even doubted its existence, is the highest paid for a Hornby-Dublo item. The set was part of a collection that fetched a total £134.607.

their "Opportunity Road-show" campaign, launched by Time lord: Jonathan Betts, curator of horology at the Old Royal Observatory in Greenwich, adjusting the 1888 Turret Clock. Summertime ends at 2am tomorrow when clocks should be put back one hour to lam, Greenwich Mean Time Mr Major in his party confer-COLUMNIST OF THE YEAR ence speech. Ten ministers were out in the field yesterday. POPOEO POEO 2 MONTHS

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Germans to ban import of sheep tissue from Britain

By Michael Hornsby, agriculture correspondent

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GERMANY announced yesterday that it is to ban the import and use of brains, spinal cord and eyes from French and British sheep over 12 months old as a safeguard against "mad cow" disease.

The precaution has been prompted by the possibility that the cattle brain disease. bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), might have spread to sheep and could pose a risk to humans,

This measure implements for Germany regulations which these countries have already applied to their own areas," a spokesman for the Health Ministry in Bonn said. It is to be put before the German cabinet next month. Britain has banned the con-

IRELAND'S first Gaelic tele-

vision channel goes on air next

Thursday in defiance of com-

plaints that the £31 million

project to promote the Irish

language is a waste of taxpay-

Irish people from around the world have rallied to the

new station's assistance. The

Hollywood actor Gabriel

Byrne, whose films include the

Usual Suspects, is playing a

leading role in an hour-long

drama set in the 1960s. Oppo-

nents claim the station will be

Teilifis na Gaeilge will

broadcast in Irish for more

than four hours a day from a

new headquarters in the west

of Ireland, for 140,000 native

Irish speakers who have been

campaigning for their own station for 20 years.

The Galway-based station

will show a mixture of Irish-

made news, drama, culture,

soaps, quizzes and comedy. The emphasis will be on youth

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the summer but not spinal cords, which are still included in exported sheep carcasses. Last year Britain exported 140,000 tonnes of sheepmeat worth £283 million, of which Germany accounted for £15 million. About two thirds of sheepmeat exports are lamb, which would be under 12 months old and therefore not affected by the German ban. The Germans consider sheep under a year old to be

likely to carry the infection. tary of the receration of the Meat Wholesalers, which rep-

£31m switch-on

BY AUDREY MAGEE, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

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Gaeilge, the Irish language board, said it would be a great

boost to the Irish language

movement which had wit-

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too young to be infectious. Brains, spinal cord and eyes are the only tissues thought Peter Scott, general secre-

The Ministry of Agriculture said: "We cannot comment directly on the German action. Talks have been under way for some time with our European partners to get agreement on standardised procedures for



Making the news: Grainne Seoige is a presenter on the station for the Irish-speaking community

D. Higgins, the Minister for Arts, Culture and the guage. Four per cent are Gaeltacht, said the station would "enfranchise the Irishnative speakers from the gaeltacht, the parts of the west and south where Irish is the The language suffered a first language. The rest are decline in the mid-1800s when from urban areas such as famine struck and economic Dublin where Irish language necessity forced the Irish to night-classes are booked up and young people are flooding to Irish dances. The number of speak English. By 1861, only 24.5 per cent of the population spoke Irish. By 1911 this had Irish language schools for children has risen dramatically in 20 years.

But Irish is now back in vogue in an affluent and Paddy Harte, an MP for confident Ireland. Almost one third of the 3.5 million population claims to speak the lan-

Fine Gael, one of the three coalition parties in government, said Teilifis na Gaeilge

smacked of political favouritism and the £15 million annual subsidy would be better invested in Irish schools: "It is the most expensive white elephant ever constructed by an Irish Government.

Padhraic O Ciardha, of Teilifis na Gaeilge, said that the station was gening a "pittance" when compared with the 564 million annual funding given by the British Government to \$4C, the Welsh language station.

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By KATHRYN KNIGHT

A COUPLE whose £450,000 dered worthless by plans for a bypass won a court ruling yesterday that paves the way for a El million compensation

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Maurice and Audrey Balchin had battled through fruitless appeals since, in 1986, Norfolk County Council refused to compensate them for planning a road only yards from the back door of Swan's Harbour, their waterside

The Transport Secretary and the parliamentary ombudsman rejected their pleas

for help. But at the High Court yesterday Mr Justice Sedley said that the couple had been "innocent victims" of the scheme and found that the parliamentary ombudsman, William Reid, had been guilty of maladministration in his treatment of them.

It was the first successful challenge to a finding of the parliamentary ombudsman. and the ombudsman must now review how everyone from the council to the Transport Secretary dealt with the

Mr and Mrs Balchin, who are in their 60s, were close to



Swan's Harbour, the Balchins' dream home, now stands empty on its overgrown riverside site

tears as they hailed the ruling as a victory for homeowners. They said that they had been telephoned by hundreds of people across the country with similar problems. "Justice has been done and,

if a victory has been won, it is for the thousands of homeowners across the country who are safer now than they were this time yesterday." Mr Balchin said. "I hope we are on our way to being compensated for what we've been through. All the money in the world cannot give us those years back. But what I want now is some security for the future, for my children, and to see my wife smile again."

The High Court was told that the "planning nightmare" had led to the collapse of Mr Balchin's chartered surveying business and had destroyed his wife's health. The couple, married for 40 years, had the five-bedroom house built on two acres at Wroxham and moved in in 1985. A year later, Norfolk County Council announced plans for a bypass between Wroxham and Hoveton, which would run through the garden of the neighbouring property.

The council purchased the



Maurice and Audrey Balchin outside the High Court yesterday. They hailed the High Court's decision as a victory for homeowners

adjoining property, but the Balchins were told that because the bypass did not run through their property they would not be entitled to the same treatment until after the road had been built. They were told that it would set a 'dangerous precedent'', Charles George, QC, told the

The house had been used as security for bank loans, which they struggled to repay after attempts to sell the property

worthless by estate agents, and the Balchins' bank called in their loans. The financial strain forced them to abandon the house, which now lies overgrown and empty, to live on income support in a cottage miles away.

Ten years on, the bypass has not been built. Planners announced in June that the plan had been abandoned, a "cruel irony" which had come too late to help the Balchins, Mr George said.

High Court for a judicial review of the ombudsman's ruling that there was no maladministration on the part of the Transport Secretary, who confirmed the road scheme without acting on a recommendation, from the inspector at a planning inquiry, that the county council should although the ombudsman was act sympathetically towards granted leave to appeal. The couple were awarded costs by

In court yesterday, Mr Justice Sedley said that the ombudsman had failed to consider whether the Trans-

port Department should have was only the first step in the drawn the county council's search for compensation. But attention to its new power to he said that it opened the way buy homes blighted by plan-ning proposals. He gave the to a possible El million for the iniutice caused. ombudsman 14 days to agree to reconsider the couple's case voluntarily. If he does not he will be ordered to do so,

the judge.
Outside the court Peter Sparkes, their solicitor, emphasised that the ruling

Barry Payton, one of the barristers involved in the case. said: "As the ombudsman now has to review this case, this leads to the probability that he will say there was maladministration on behalf of the Secretary of State. He can then recommend that there will be compensation for the injury

caused to the couple."

Drug raid nets Briton with £40m fortune

By RICHARD DUCE

DETECTIVES in Liverpool have helped Dutch police to arrest a millionaire businessman suspected of a plan to flood the streets of northwest England with drugs worth El00 million.

Among nine Britons being held in The Netherlands yes terday was Curtis Warren, 32, who has long been under surveillance by Merseyside police. If convicted, he would be one of the biggest players in the region's drug-smuggling Mr Warren, whose personal

fortune is estimated as high as £40 million, was arrested with a Colombian and a Russian woman in a series of raids across The Netherlands. He is now a Dutch resident in Amsterdam and it is unlikely that any hearing against him will take place in Britain. Police said last night there were no extradition plans.

Mr Warren was suspected five years ago of involvement in a plot to smuggle £150 million of cocaine into Liverpool from South America. He was aquitted of drugs charges at Newcastle Crown Court.

Mr Warren, married with a child, owns property in the revived Liverpool docks area and a house in Wirral. He is also believed to have property in Spain. Officers of the North West Regional Crime Squad were said to be "cock-a-hoop" at the arrests.

Wife who fears death by stoning wins asylum plea

kistan who fears stoning to death if forced to return home won a High Court decision vesterday that could pave the way for more women in her position to claim asylum.

A judge ruled that wives rejected by their husbands for alleged adultery in such circumstances were "a social group" entitled to protection inthis country under the 1951 UN refugees convention.

An immigration lawyer said later the judge's decision had widened the previous narrow legal definition of a social group and would have important significance for other asylum seekers.

Acknowledging that his decision could add to the number of asylum seekers coming to Britain, Mr Justice Sedley said the asylum system was already "groaning under other burdens

That called for "scrupulous attention" being given to every claim, but it could not "redefine the meaning of the con-vention", he said. The judge was allowing an application by Mrs Syeda Shah, of Canning Town, east London, for her asylum case to be considered by the Immigration Appeal Tribunal.

The tribunal itself refused the request in August last year after a special adjudicator ruled that, although she had already been persecuted by her husband and there was "a

would be persecuted again, she was not part of a social group entitled to asylum

The adjudicator was

After having six children, she was driven out of her home "after years of violence". Arriving back in Britain she

The judge said Mrs Shah "credibly feared" that if she returned to her husband she would be accused of conceiving the child adulterously and could be exposed to trial under the sharia laws, which prescribed stoning to death for

of State's decision letter gave as a reason for refusing her asylum application, "without a trace of irony", the fact that "since 1988 no individual has been punished by the authorities by use of the death penalty

to be judged by a test which

A BATTERED wife from Pareasonable expectation" she under the convention.

brought in after the Home Secretary initially refused her claim for asylum. Quashing the appeal tribunal's decision and ordering it to hear Mrs Shah's case, Mr Justice Sedley described how Mrs Shah, who had been brought up partly in Britain, returned to her homeland as a 17-year-old to marry.

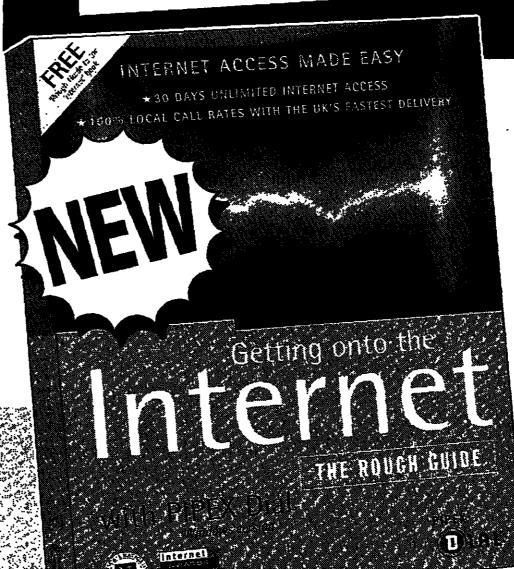
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The judge said the Secretary

for adultery".

The judge warned Mrs
Shah that her appeal was not
bound to succeed, but she was

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There's a great deal going on

Briton discovers supernova after listening to Oasis

By Anjana Ahwa

WHEN Mark Armstrong first noticed a speck in the sky through his telescope, he thought it might be an astere oid. He contacted a fellow amateur astronomer who passed the word to another in Australia. Yesterday he was being feted as the first British astronomer, professional or amateur, to discover a

Mr Armstrong, 38, an unemployed civil servant from Rolvenden, Kent, spotted the exploding star at 3.17am (BST) on Thursday. Another glance an hour later showed the bright speck wasn not moving, ruling out the possi-bility that it was an asteroid.

By 4.45am. Mr Armstrong was on the telephone to Guy Hurst, a bank manager from Reading who is used to being woken up in his capacity as head of the UK Nova!-Supernova Patrol. Mr Hurst sent out an alert to an informal network of likeminded amateurs around the world. Within nine hours of Mr Armstrong's first sighting, an astronomer in Australia had confirmed something intriguing was indeed afoot. final proof came from the European Southern Obser-

vatory in Chile, which provided irrefutable evidence that the star was exploding. The International Astronomical Union, the governing body which monitors and approves such discoveries, gave its blessing to Supernova 1996bo on Thursday night.

Mr Armstrong, who shares the glory with a group of professional astronomers at the Beijing Observatory, said yesterday: "Only a few days ago I had the radio on, and Champagne Supernova by Oasis same on I was seen Oasis came on. I was convinced I was going to spot something." He said he nor-

mally listened to Lcd Zeppelin during his long watches. Mr Armstrong and his wife Claire, a tax inspector and astronomy enthusiast, spend almost every clear night observing the sky, sometimes until 5am. They have built a wooden observatory with a sliding roof which houses a 10in, remote controlled tele-

attached camera, is rigged up to a computer. They are relative newcomers to the hunt for supernovae, and have only been looking since June 1995. Since then they have examined 500 galaxies during a total of 290 hours. Supernova 1996bo lies in the far-off galaxy NGC 673. It is the brightest of the 67

supernovae discovered this year, and is expected to brighten over the following week before waning again. Brian Marsden, director of the Central Bureau of Astronomical Telegrams, ranked Mr Armstrong's discovery as the most important superno-

va this year. "This is a real coup for Mr Armstrong and for British astronomers." Mr Marsden said yesterday. "I am pretty certain he is the first British astronomer, professional or amateur, to spot a supernova, and you can't get a more dramatic discovery than that. Usually the discoveries are made by the Australians.

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Drug tests on babies halted after blunder over dosage levels

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

save babies from brain damage have been halted after they were given double the intended dose.

Fourteen babies died but NHS experts say that the overdose was not responsible for the deaths, which would have happened anyway. Nevertheless, Professor Malcolm Levine, of Leeds University. the project co-ordinator, stopped the trial last month when the error came to light. By then, 53 babies had taken part in the international tests and half had been given the drug, magnesium sulphate.

The study was set up last December and involved doctors in Europe, South Africa and Hong Kong. Twenty-five hospitals in eight countries were involved, including 15 in Britain. The aim was to assess the possible benefits of magnesium sulphate in reducing brain damage in babies starved of oxygen during

TRIALS of a drug designed to one in 1,000 babies and can have serious consequences. Even those that survive may suffer brain damage with long-term effects.

The aim of the trial, financed by the Medical Research Council and the NHS Executive, was to recruit 75 babies. giving half the drug, the other half a placebo, and comparing

On August 23 a baby given magnesium sulphate in a Finnish hospital suffered breathing and heart complications. The same happened in Sweden on September 24 and the trial was stopped the next day. Both babies were resuscitated but one died.

Analysis showed that 14 of the 53 babies who took part died. The NHS Data Monitoring Committee investigated whether the deaths were a result of the blunder but cleared doctors of responsi-

Rachel Chapman, a spokeswoman for the tests, said:

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"Magnesium sulphate is a normally-occurring substance in the body and what doctors were doing were boosting the levels in these babies. Magnesium sulphate is a safe substance used for 60 years on pregnant women to supress labour and treat high blood pressure. Studies in the US suggest babies of the mums who have been given it have

less risk of cerebral palsy. "The error happened when the drug was ordered. It came as a result of confusion over different ways of describing the drug formulation."

She said the adverse reaction of the two babies in Scandinavia was not unusual for that condition. "Half these babies are going to die anyway. But it became clear the babies had been given twice the dosage intended."

After an independent review by expert assessors who would report to NHS chiefs, the pilot study could be resumed, she



Ian and Chrystal Embury outside the house they bought nine years ago for £26,000. They blame criminals for its fall in value to £5,000

House prices fall 80% in 'Britain's worst street'

By PAUL WILKINSON

HOUSEHOLDERS in an area blighted by crime have seen the value of their property fall by 80 per cent in

less than ten years. The houses in the Redvers Street Edwardian terrace in Beswick, Manchester, once sold for £26,000.

Now the activities of burglars, prostitutes and street gangs have brought the prices down to £5,000.

Many of the houses have been sold to private landlords who leave them boarded up and empty. They then attract vandals and squatters.

Ian Embury, who lives there with his wife, Chrystal, and their two children, said: This must be the worst street in Britain. Things are so bad that our children aren't allowed out of the house to play. My wife doesn't feel safe when she's alone. People here are trapped. We'd go

tomorrow if we could afford to but who would buy a house here now." His neighbour Leonard Hockey said: "I'm just a private tenant, but my

home has been targeted every night because I refuse to give £20 protection money to a gang of teenagers. I've had lumps of concrete and bricks thrown through my windows and now I put metal grilles over them."

Martin Ellis, deputy branch manager at Edward Mellors, a local estate agent, said: "Mr Embury and his wife came to us for a valuation but although he bought the property for £26,000 nine years ago he'd be lucky to get about £5,000 now. When idents call me for a valuation I can The area is in a terrible state. We sold one house for £3,800. It had squatters

in it and all the floorboards were up. The only people who buy property like that, buy for cash then let it out to people on benefit. It becomes a vicious cycle of reposessions, empty homes and squatters.

Manchester City Council said that it had set up a working party to examine the problems in the Redvers Street area and elswhere in the hope of reversing the decline.

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STATE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PERSON OF THE P Judge told to ignore drama of Nepali boy

A High Court judge reserved his judgment until the week after next in the case of the Nepali mountain boy, adopted by a millionaire, who is contesting deportation. Mr Justice Laws was told yesterday that Jayaram Khadka, 19, should be treated no differently from any other young orphan who

had no right to stay in the country.

Neil Garnam, for the Home Secretary, added: "The dramatic tale of a rescue on the mountain, the castle in the forest where he lives, the native boy brought up as an English gentleman: these aspects are of limited relevance."

Boys' club indecency inquiry

Two former officials at Celtic Boys Club, the youth wing of the Glasgow football club, face charges of indecency dating back several years, Strathclyde police said yesterday. A statement said: "We can confirm that a 61-year-old man and 49-year-old man are the subject of a report to the Procurator Fiscal." It is understood that the pair are Frank Cairney, the former general manager, and Jim Torbett, a former

Ex-soldier banned from GCHQ

A High Court judge has told a former soldier who served six years in the Royal Armoured Corps that he has no legal right to challenge a government rule which bans him from working at GCHQ, the intelligence centre at Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. Luigi Manelfi, 34, who was born in Britain, is barred because his parents are foreign. His mother is German and his father Italian. The couple settled in Britain in the late 1950s.

Impersonation student faces jail

A student who spent two weeks in prison after impersonating a friend in court will be sentenced next month for perverting the course of justice. Tony Famurewa. 19, of southeast London, admitted the charge at the Old Bailey yesterday. He had appeared in place of his friend, Mark Williams, before Camberwell magistrates on charges of drink-driving. He was held in jail because the court was told that Williams was wanted for other offences.

Five held over Guerin killing

Irish police investigating the killing of the Dublin journalist Veronica Guerin, who was shot dead in June, have arrested five people in Cork. They were taken to Dublin and questioned by police about drug-smuggling. Ms Guerin is believed to have been killed by drug-dealers worried that she might uncover details about their international operation. Last week a man was charged with conspiring to

Head girl posts writ on school

A head girl posted a copy of a writ at her school yesterday to try to prevent its closure. Fiona Thake, 17, found the doors of York College for Girls bolted but said she would serve the writ proper on Monday. She is claiming breach of contract because she was led to believe that it would stay open long enough for her to sit her A levels. The Church Schools Company said last week that it would close the school at Christmas because of a decline in student numbers.

Chris Evans figures reach 7m

Audiences for Chris Evans's breakfast show on BBC Radio I have reached an all-time high of more than seven million a week, despite complaints about his risque remarks on air. Radio I had total listening figures of more than II million. A successful Promenade Concerts season helped Radio 3 to reach some of its best audience figures: more than 2.6 million people a week tuned into the station while the Proms

Concrete slab victim transferred

Simon Willmott, 22, who was seriously injured eight days ago when a slab of concrete was dropped on to his car from a bridge over the M3 has been transferred from hospital in Surrey to the Royal Brompton Hospital in London, which specialises in heart and lung conditions. He was in a critical but stable condition last night. His parents have urged parents who may suspect their children to come forward.

Angry mother confronts Ford

A woman confronted Ford managers on their stand at the British International Motor Show in Birmingham, armed with a dossier of papers backing her claim that her daughter's N-registered Fiesta kept stalling. Dorrie Mottram wanted a replacement under the company's pledge that, if it fails to solve a problem within three attempts, it will exchange the car for a new one.

Wedding gets off to flying start

A vicar tripped over a Bible and broke his foot minutes before beginning a wedding ceremony. Father Rodney Chapman crashed into the aisle at Normanion Parish Church, west Yorkshire, cutting his head and breaking his glasses as well a bone in his foot. Despite the pain and with blood pouring down his face, he married Scott Niesyty and Paula Dunn before going to hospital.

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Wartime gunner buried at last

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Orst street

By MICHAEL EVANS

A WARTIME gunner who was killed more than 50 years ago when his Lancaster bomber crashed was buried

Sergeant Robert Banks died after the bomber collided with another Lancaster soon after midnight on March 2, 1945, during a training flight over Lincolnshire. He was listed as missing, presumed killed.

The remains of Sergeant Banks, who came from Kensington, west London, and died a the age of 31, were discovered last year when archaeologists found the wreckage of the Lancaster near Sleaford while excavating the wreck of another Lancaster. He was buried with full military honours at a ceremony in Cambridge city cemetery. Members of 207 Squadron, who were based with Sergeant Banks at RAF Spilsby, were at the funeral, Only six of the eight-man

crew of his Lancaster were officially identified at the time of the crash. Another body remained unidentified and was buried in Cambridge as an unknown airman. However, the discovery of Sergeant Banks's remains enabled the other body to be identified as the Lancaster's bomber, Flight Sergeant Arthur Henderson.

His sister, Jennie Studholme, 68, attended a separate ceremony held at the same RAF burial plot in Cambridge. at which a headstone was dedicated to Flight Sergeant

An RAF spokesman said: "When the body of an airman is recovered it is irrelevant whether the death occurred yesterday or 50 years ago; the remains are treated with equal

Shopping trip made a world of difference to fast lady who liked adventure



Mary Bruce: the most inexperienced pilot ever to circumnavigate the globe

Never mind the frock, how much is that plane?

IT WAS one of those impulse buys that can happen while shopping in Bond Street. The Honourable Mary Bruce was in town looking for a nice new frock, when instead she noticed a showroom with a light aircraft for sale at a terribly reasonable price.

Mrs Bruce, then 35, went away to try on a dress. It did not suit her. The plane did. That moment in 1930 was the beginning of an adventure for an intrepid English eccentric who became the most inexperienced pilot ever to

circumnavigate the globe. After qualifying for her Class A pilot's licence in the minimum 40 hours' flying - all within three miles of her local aerodrome - she took off the same year on a 16,500-mile flight around the world in her £550 Blackburn Bluebird, crossing 23 countries on three

Now memorabilia from her flight are being put up for auction by her family. The items include a 78rpm record of Mrs Bruce recounting in cut-glass tones her experiences facing death in her tiny pleasure craft. One of her few complaints was that she attracted such interest whenever she made an arranged stopover that crash-landings were the only way to find the time to have a haircut.

Mrs Bruce, from Bradfordon-Avon, Wiltshire, was no stranger to adventure. Paul Viney, managing director of the auctioneers Woolley and Wallis, said: "She was a complete eccentric. She loved anything with an element of



The £550 Blackburn Bluebird that took Mrs Bruce across 16,500 miles. Memorabilia from the flight are to be auctioned by her family next month

her pony bolted when she was a child.

"She was one of the first women to buy a motorcycle, and was always being hauled up in court for speeding down country lanes with her dog in the sidecar. She took to driving cars when she married the racing driver Victor Bruce in 1926. As a couple they once drove as far as they could into the Arctic Circle before they ran out of road."

In 1927, spurred on by her husband, Mrs Bruce won the Coupe des Dames in the Monte Carlo rally. Two years later, she set a non-stop record by covering 674 nautical miles in a powerboat. Then came the moment she spotted the plane on sale in Bond Street.

She later recalled: "I asked the price, then I left the shop. A little down the street 1 saw a marvellous frock in another window, so I went in Well, bit, so I went back to the aeropiane showroom.

I asked the man. Will this take me round the world? He said, 'Of course, madam.' So I went home and looked at the map." Within a week, she was flying solo.

The scratchy recording of Mrs Bruce reading entries from the flight log includes this memory: "Bam. Another sight of land now. 8.15: Oil failing rapidly. Great doubts whether she will hold out long enough to reach the land. This may be my end as the oil pressure is down to nought. "8.30: See land in the distance. I fear the engine will

fail before I reach it 8.45: Have reached the coast and am about to make forced landing in the sand."

After one mishap near Portland, Oregon, she wrote: "The only chance I have to get my hair cut or write is when I

death at every town 1 arrive at. and I am so tired sometimes I can bardly fly."

In 1933 she successfully completed one of the world's first mid-air refuelling manoeuvres. Back on land and in need of a new challenge in 1939, she triumphed in a showjumping event in the Royal Windsor Horse Show.

Even old age did not slow her down. She found time to write five books, including an autobiography entitled Nine Lives Plus, and at the age of 78 she was driving around Thruxton motor-racing circuit, near Andover. Hampshire, at 110mph. She died, aged 94, in 1990.

The sale memorabilia in-cludes five folders of press cuttings, her pilot's licence, log books and a model she built of her plane. The single lot is hoped to fetch £5,000 to £6,000 in Salisbury, Wiltshire, on November 6.

Naval tradition cut short with last Trafalgar night

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

Trafalgar night in the Painted Hall of the Royal Naval College at Greenwich, which is to Trafalgar night party, said: There are only two places to be on Trafalgar night - in

In 1805 Nelson's body lay in state in the hall, then part of Greenwich Hospital. Thousands of people came to pay

By July next year most of the staff at the Royal Naval College will have gone, with the three Service staff colleges being amalgamated. Temporary premises for joint staff training are being provided at

that will decide the future use of Greenwich. The National Maritime Museum and the University of Greenwich have moving into the Christopher Wren buildings but no deci-

The celebrations on Thurs

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be closed next year because of defence cuts. Nearly every famous British sailor has been associated with Greenwich, but Trafalgar night - Admiral Lord Nelson's night - was always the occasion when the great and the good of the Royal Navy gathered in the famous hall to honour Britain's most celebrated seaman. Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin, former First Sea Lord

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THE Royal Navy has per- and Chief of the Defence Staff, the RAF's staff college at formed the last of one of its who addressed 350 people in Bracknell until a permanent great traditions, celebrating the Painted Hall for the last site is found. Sir Angus Stirling has been appointed chairman of a trust

Nelson's cabin in HMS Victory or in the Painted Hall." their respects. sion has been made.

> day were crowned by the sound of gunfire as a huge fully rigged chocolate ship with sparklers flashing in the bows was paraded around the

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Howard sets out tough new sentencing regime *

Crime Bill: Persistent offenders face longer punishment

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE biggest changes in sentencing policy this century were announced yesterday as part of the Government's fourth substantial reorganisation of the criminal justice

system in eight years. The main feature of introducing minimum sentences for persistent burglars and dealers in hard drugs is a Uturn from the Government's position in 1990, when it gave warning that such penalties could lead to more acquittals by juries.

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, said that the measures were needed because the public had a right to more violent criminals and persistent offenders. The 62-page Crime (Sentences) Bill, which the Government wants to pass through Parliament by the end of February, proposes a the following:

Serious violent and sex offenders: Automatic life sentences will be imposed on offenders convicted for a second time of attempted murder. threat or conspiracy to mur-der, manslaughter, wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm, robbery involv-

endanger life, rape, attempted rape, or unlawful sexual intercourse with a girl under 13.

A trial judge will set the minimum term to be served for "retribution and deterrence". When that is completed the Parole Board will decide whether and when a person should be released.

The judiciary, however, will retain the discretion not to impose an automatic life sentence in "exceptional circumstances". The judge will have to explain such circumstances in open court and the Attorney General will be able to argue for a life term through the Court of Appeal.

☐ Mandatory minimum sentences for persistent dealers in Class A drugs: Courts will have to impose a seven-year minimum term on an offender aged 18 or over who is convicted of trafficking in a Class A drug, such as heroin, cocaine or Ecstasy, after two separate similar convictions. A trial judge will have the power to impose a lesser sentence if there are "exceptional circum-

☐ Mandatory minimum sentences for persistent domestic



Howard: public needs greater protection

jail term on an offender aged 18 or over who is convicted of a domestic burglary after two The mandatory sentence will apply to any previous convictions for similar offences committed after the Bill becomes law. A trial judge will have the power to impose a lesser sentence if there are "exceptional circumstances". A guilty plea could attract a maximum six-month cut in the manda-

☐ Supervision of sex offend



to impose community service or a curiew linked to electronic tagging as an atlernative to a fine for an offender with one or more outstanding fines. tory minimum sentence.

ers on release: All sex offenders will be subject to extended supervision by probation officers after their release. The period of supervision is to be half of the sentence or 12



Similar penalties would also 🦻 apply to fine defautlers. ☐ Parole: The Home Secretary will no longer have the power to reject a Parole Board recommendation that a per-son detained "at Her Majes-ty's Pleasure" should be

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☐ Mentally disordered of-

fenders: A new hospital direc-

tion will allow the court to

pass a prison sentence and

attach a direction of immedi-

ate admission to hospital. This

allows for offenders who re-

cover during treatment to

serve the rest of the sentence in

prison rather than be released

☐ Fine Defaulters and Per-

sistent Petty Offenders

Courts will have a new power

maximum of ten years.

☐ Abolition of automatic early release and parole: All offenders to serve full term of sentence imposed by the court with a small period deducted for good behaviour in jail.

Housing extra PRISON POPULATION prisoners to cost billions

By RICHARD FORD

A HUGE investment in new the estimated 11,000 increase in the prison population of England and Wales.

Twelve new prisons will be needed to house most of those jailed as a result of Michael Howard's proposals but others will be housed in rebuilt existing jails and extra

It is estimated that the costs of building and running the new jails will be at least £3 billion over 25 years. Priexpected to design, construct, finance and manage the new

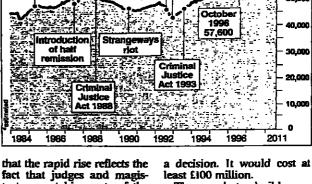
The new jails, holding 800 inmates each, are in addition to two being built at Fazakerley, Merseyside, and Bridgend, South Wales. A third. Agecroft in Salford, is the subject of a planning inquiry, and three others are planned at Telford, Shropshire. Lowdham Grange near Nottingham and in northeast

Essex. At present there are 135 jails in England and Wales. One hurdle to be overcom by the Government will be finding sites for the new jails that do not provoke strong local opposition. In Salford, where plans for the Agecroft

jail have been opposed, Prison Service officials are understood to be already looking for another site in case the planning inquiry finds against them. Another problem is that the

Government's expansion being overtaken by the rapid rise in the prison population, which has rendered projections published six months year the Home Office projected a prison population for the year 2004 of 59,900, a figure that on present trends could be reached by Christmas. The prison population, which has been rising at about 250 a week, was 57,633 yesterday and is now expected to reach

62,000 by March next year. Penal reform groups argue



trates are taking note of the public mood for action on crime, and the tough rhetoric on law and order from both Tory and Labour politicans in the run-up to the general election. For Mr Howard, however

the rapid rise in the prison population means that he needs to battle for additional funds to provide emergency accommodation for inmates. secure the cash to implement security and training recommendations in Sir John Learmont's report into prison

security. Further work is being undertaken on the proposal to build a supermax jail for the most violent and disruptive prisoners in England and Wales before ministers make least £100 million. The need to build new

prisons means that yesterday's proposals will have to be nhased in over several years. Automatic life sentences for second-time violent and sex offenders and minimum terms for third-time drug dealers would be introduced by October 1997 because their impact on the prison population would be small.

Abolishing automatic early release and parole and minimum sentences for third-time domestic burglars, which would have big implications for the jail population, would not start to operated untile October 1999. Even then the effect of the proposals for for burglars would be limited as each offence would have to be committed separately after the the Bill was implemented.

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Election deadline for other measures

MICHAEL HOWARD intends to use Private Member's Bills to try to ensure that other crime prevention measures become law before the general election (Richard Ford writes). Officials are still studying

several pledges that, because of the complexity involved in introducing them, are unlikely to be on the statute book before polling day. But laws to curb stalking and create a nationwide register of sex offenders are to be introduced within weeks as government Bills. Ministers would like to see them become law before Christmas.

The Home Secretary said he hoped that a measure to give courts the power to prosecute Britons for child sex abuse committed abroad, and another to allow the immediate closure of clubs in which drugs were discovered, would be introduced by Private Member's Bills.

His controversial proposal to give courts the power to remove a driving licence from anyone convicted of a crime will be introduced at the committee stage of the Crime (Sentences) Bill.

Other measures being studied include those to allow DNA samples to be taken from all sex offenders in prison; to make it an offence for convicted paedophiles to seek employment with children: to allow courts to identify iuvenile offenders; and to reform the rules on cross exami-

nation of rape victims in court. Mr Howard's plan to introduce voluntary identity cards has been shelved because it would provoke divisions in the



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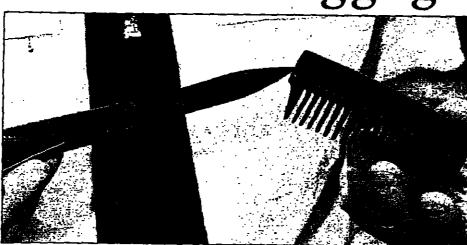


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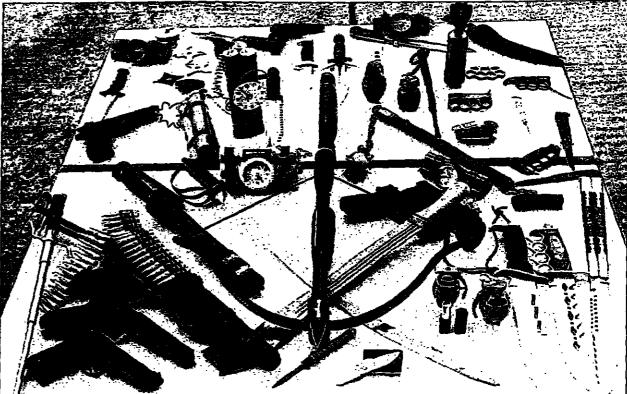
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Police display arsenal of weapons confiscated from 'ordinary people' at Heathrow

Deadly souvenirs concealed in air travellers' luggage







Anything to declare, madam? A knife hidden in a comb and another in a tube of lipstick and were among hundreds of confiscated weapons at Heathrow yesterday. They included "joke" alarm clocks that look like bomb timers

BY HARVEY ELLIOTY

POLICE revealed yesterday how hundreds of passengers arriving at Heathrow airport routinely carry weapons ranging from machine guns to combat knives. An arsenal of weapons - including a Second World War German machinegun, hand grenades, stun guns, ammunition, anti-personnel mines, swords, combat knives, a mace and a crossbow - which had been seized from passengers passing

through Heathrow were put on

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in an exhibition of the extent to which gun and knife culture has now spread around the world. Some of the knives had serrated edges up to lft long.

Some weapons had been cun-ningly concealed: a belt buckle contained a knife, a lipstick tube held a blade. Officers found a pen which could fire a .22 calibre bullet and another which could emit CS gas. All could be used to hijack an aircraft or attack a

"It's a frightening collection," said Detectice Chief Inspector Ken Price. of Heathrow CID.

They are found every day of the year," added PC Adrian Laurie. They are being carried by ordinary members of the public. They think there is no problem bringing them into the country."

One man who had been clearing mines in Ghana decided to bring some of them home as souvenirs. "Weapons are coming from all over the world, and from the United Kingdom when people try to take them out of the airport," Mr Price said. "They are being earried by people in transit and by people arriving with them. They are usually picked up at the

Heathrow security search points." Police are taking a tough line with anyone found carrying a weapon. The policy now is to arrest anyone carrying an offensive weapon through Heathrow," he said. "They will be charged under the Aviation Security Act."

It is also an offence to possess something that looks like a weapon or a bomb, such as several "joke" alarm clocks seized from ssengers' baggage that look like

Mr Price said that the most frightening recent incident was when an elderly American was

found to have been carrying a loaded handgun in his cabin baggage on arrival. "When he went through the transfer search the item was found. How does somone get such an item into his luggage on a flight? The weapons being brought into Heathrow have obvious implications for the security arrangements at foreign airports. We do our best to be secure here, but we have got no

ments at other airports." PC Laurie added: "If you look at some of these items you say to yourself, 'How did they get them

control over the security arrange-

through security and what sort of security have they got if we are finding them here? It must be some kind of accolade to how secure we are at Heathrow."

Many of those passengers found with guns, knives and other weapons came from the United States, despite the Clinton Administration's declared intention of having the tightest security checks

rorism and Effective Death Penalty Act, due to come into force next year will make it illegal for any foreign airline to fly to the United

States unless it has security measures in place at its own home airport that are identical to those of American carriers flying in competition. There are no such checks on passengers coming from the US.

Non-American airlines and many Governments, including Britain's, are opposed to the new measures, which they say are designed to "export" American legislation and to force competing airlines to have the same slow and expensive check-in procedures faced by passengers boarding American airlines to fly to the US.

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Council uses contracts to curb sale of knives

By Paul Wilkinson

THE town where the schoolgirl Nikki Conroy was stabbed to death by a classroom intruder is to introduce a ban on shops selling knives.

Middlesbrough Borough Council will place covenants in future contracts with developers and others buying or leasing its land and properties, preventing the sale of combat knives. It is pressing private landowners and developers to follow suit. local authorities at Chester-le-Street and Durham are considering introducing similar

The scheme is the idea of Michael Carr, a Labour councillor, who said that he had been greatly moved by Nikki's killing. The public needs to be protected, and we feel that banning combat knives from shops in Middlesbrough is a positive step. Since Nikki Conroy was killed, other terrible events have occurred and we don't want them to continue."

In 1994, the 12-year-old schoolabout, through the context of its sale, its description and the girl was stabbed repeatedly by Stephen Wilkinson in front of her classmates, two of whom were injured. Wilkinson was sent to a mental hospital after admitting manslaughter on the ground of diminished responsibility.

Since then the London head teacher Philip Lawrence has been killed by a knife-wielding schoolboy, and his widow. paign for combat knives to be banned from sale.

Mr Carr called for the Government to back the council's move with legislation. Rejecting the argument that such a ban would be impractical because legitimately used kitchen knives could not be excluded from it, he added: "I cannot accept that John Major or Michael Howard cannot tell the difference between a kitchen knife and a combat knife. "It is easy enough to define

the sort of knife we are talking

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purpose which it is intended. When Rambo appears on screen he's not carrying a potato-peeler. A lot of this is about image. Young people carrying knives want something macho, not something for slicing carrots." Cleveland Police have

backed the scheme, which would cover about 200 coun-Spencer Hornsey, who runs a chain of DIY stores recently removed combat knives from

sale and display in his shop Scorers, in the privately owned Cleveland Centre. He welcomed the council's move, saying: "We will not sell knives to the general public any more over the counter. We do have established customers, such as the Belgian Army, whom we are happy to sell to. What we will not do is allow youngsters to buy these



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The Prince of Wales is following in the footsteps of his ancestors with his call to improve young lives

Mixed results when royalty crosses the class divide.

By Alan Hamilton

MODERN royalty has a tradition of descending from its heights to dip a toe in the murky pool of its subjects' misfortune, with results that range from the patronising to the practical.

The Prince of Wales's proposed millennium crusade to help the young to develop new skills may directly improve many lives. In contrast, his great-uncle Edward VIII was a handwringer, although all biographers maintain that he had a genuine sympathy with the poor and the unemployed of the Depression years.

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Most memorably, confronted with urban squalor on a visit to South Wales mining villages in the dying weeks of his brief reign in 1936, he declared: "Something must be



MacDonald: he was wary of Edward VIII

done." Cabinet ministers were wary of the King's excursions to his country's more tattered fringes. Ramsay MacDonald noted in his diary: "These escapades should be limited. They are an invasion into the field of politics and should be watched constitutionally."

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The King was undoubtedly affected by what he saw. He wrote to his mother. Queen Mary: "The visit was very strenuous and heartrending, but the spirit of these poor people is marvellous." Nothing, of course, was done; the King was preoccupied with a woman, and by the December of that year he was gone.

His capacity for inaction was in the sharpest contrast to his brother, who became George VI. As Duke of York, he was actively and passionately interested, not so much in unemployment, but in breaking down class barriers among the young. His annual camps for 400 boys brought together pit lads and public schoolboys. After some initial uncertainty on both sides, they became a great success, constantly oversubscribed, until the outbreak of war put paid to them for good.

After the First World War,

with unemployment near 10 per cent, the Duke had become president of the newly formed Industrial Welfare Society, which sought to improve the lot of the factory worker. During a visit to McVitie and
Price's biscuit works in Willes-



Breaking down barriers: Edward VIII visits Welsh coalminers in 1936, and the future George VI in 1932 at the camp where public schoolboys met factory apprentices

den, north London, in 1919, he conceived the notion that postwar bitterness and dissent were partly a result of high unemployment — which he felt he could do little about — and partly a result of class

prejudice.

His first step was to organise a series of inter-class

football matches in the hope they would break down barriers. A team of apprentices from a South Wales steelworks played the boys of Westminster School, resulting in a 0-0 draw and the disovery of much unexpected common ground. But the Duke saw that, to get to know each other

e properly, they would have to live together. He found a campsite in a

redundant aerodrome at New Romney on the Kent coast, and invited 100 public schools and 100 factories to send two boys each. They assembled in the Royal Mews at Buckingham Palace amid much trepi-

dation, many of the industrial boys wearing bowler hats. But the week-long camp was a great success and became an annual event, moving to Southwold Common. Suffolk

Southwold Common, Suffolk.

The Duke wrote that his camps were "playing a part in oiling the wheels of industry with good fellowship and un-

derstanding". A boy who attended the first camp agreed:
"The public schoolboy came to know his brother, the factory hand, as a keen sportsman and staunch comrade. This came at a time when it was much needed, when men are striving after a false shadow of

wards Bolshevism, when the classes are at loggerheads."
Nipping Bolshevism in the bud may not be the first priority of the present Prince, but his aims are not entirely different from those of his

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By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

THREE quarters of unemployed youngsters who become Prince's Trust Volunteers escape the dole queue within a year, the charity said yesterday. Many others, who are already working when they join the scheme, win promotion when they return to their employers.

to their employers.

Kelly McCabe, 18, of Richmond. Yorkshire, learnt abseiling, canoeing, play-writing, teamwork and lateral thinking. She has met a mayoress, MPs and businessmen. She said: "It did build up my confidence. Now I could go up and talk to anybody. I have found a job as a barmaid in a nightclub, and I've also started studying performing

Kevin Potter, 24, of Norwich, who spent two weeks caring for a man crippled by a stroke, was promoted from "office runaround" at a bank to become a corporate officer.

The "personal development

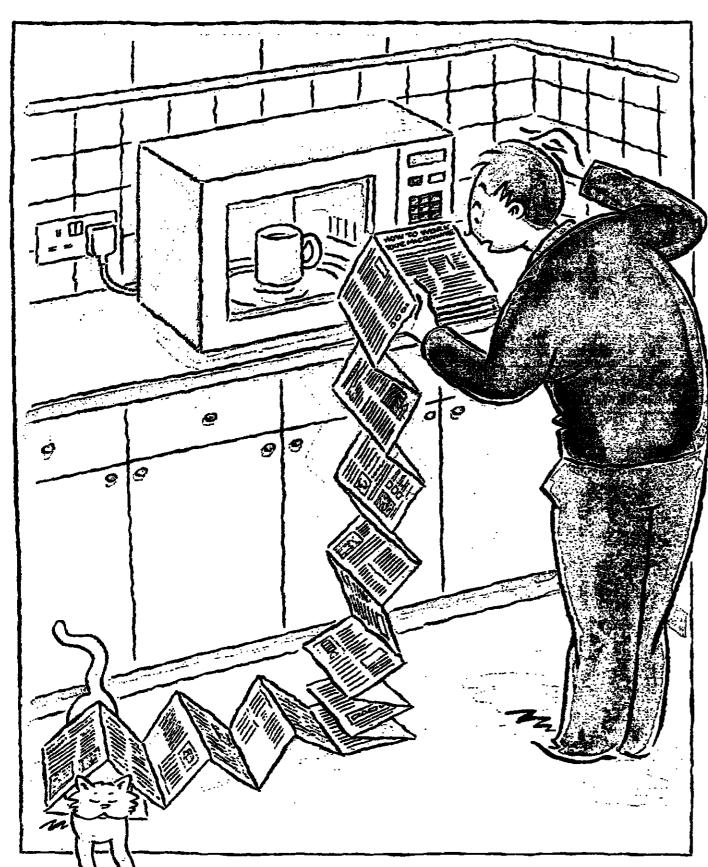
programme", usually lasting 60 days, is run at 120 locations. Unemployed and employed people perform useful tasks, go on an outdoor residential week and learn to raise money for their activities.

The volunteers are aged 16 to 25. Employers sympathetic to the Prince pay about £1,000 for their workers to attend a course while keeping their normal salaries. Volunteers get a City & Guilds "profile of achievement" but the Prince's Trust is keen to introduce NVQs as well.

Joan Payne, an unemployment expert at the Policy Studies Institute, said that the most successful schemes to improve job prospects involved putting people in real workplaces or training them

for formal qualifications.

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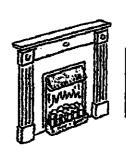
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Jeremy Vine

TWO things happen next week: it is Hallowe'en, and my wife is 30. I am not sure which is scarier. Any reminder of the

speed of life, particularly a birthday with a zero in it, is bound to bring a twinge of terror. Hallowe'en is more spooky than scary, al-though the horror film of that name was as borrible

as any I can recall.

In the Bible the apostle John says: Perfect love casts out fear." These are words that strike a chord because I always had trou-ble believing that the opp-osite of love was hate. Hate suggests mutual attachment, just like love. Hate, surely, is a force for connection. Fear is the opp osite — a recoil. To really hate God requires faith as strong as any preacher's. A panicked neighborn rang a few weeks back.

There is a spider on my staircase and I am trapped in my lounge. Please come quickly." I entered her flat cautiously, only to find a pitiful little creature. Afterwards I asked her: what if there had been no one to help you? "Well, last time there was a spider. I called the police," she replied. People are terrified by

different things. Some-times big people are fright-ened of little things, and then you find small people who are frightened of nothing. Some are driven to God by fear alone: maybe the fear of being trampled in a Harrods sale-style stampede to Heaven, or of some scaring judgment and then the waste disposal chute into the River Styx Or perhaps just fear of being alone, here and now. My fear is not being

wrong about everything.

but being right. If, as I have been led to believe, the resurrected Christ exists and has already pencilled beyond the grave. I am not sure how I will explain the fact that my life contains more wrong turnings than Hampton Court's maz

Which is why I keep coming back to those words from John. Remember that perfect love casts out fear. I am assured that there is nothing more to it than the love of Christ fact, the text never spells out precisely whose love is supposed to be perfect, ours or his, but since a divine demand for perfect love would leave most of us pleading bankruptcy. think it must be his.

Jeremy Vine is a political correspondent at the BBC

Jesus were a tyke, tha knaws, declares Yorkshire Gospel

Ee By Gum

By RUTH GLEDHILL

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e young lives

CONFIRMATION of what Northerners have long suspected — that Jesus was a Yorkshireman — is provided this week with the publication of the Gospels in Yorkshire

As if Hebrew, Greek, Latin and King James's English were not hard enough for biblical scholars to master. they must now grapple with phrases such as: "Nar ther" wor a two-a-thri shephends 'oo t' same neer 'appened ter bi aht i' t' fields near Bethle'em, sitting rahad the'r campfire."

Joseph is a joiner "livin' i' - that wor in t North, tha knaws." Jesus is "t" babby born in a mistal", a lodging offered when "t' landlord taks another look at Mary. sees t' state t' lass is in, an' 'e suddenly bethinks 'issen."

T' shepherds "find t' babby liggin' in a manger", and John t' Baptist is "a reight character, bi all accahnts, 'oo lived aht i't' desert, near t' River Jordan." The command "Take up thy cross and follow me" has become: "If onny on yer wants ter foller me, 'e mun ferget all abaht 'issen, an' bi ready ter tak up 'is cross - an' suffer same as me."

Ee By Gum, Lord!, by Dr Arnold Kellett, a Methodist lay preacher who was a finalist in The Times/College of Preachers Preacher of the Year award, is not intended to be a gimmicky send-up of the gospels, says the Yorkshirebased publisher Smith Settle. Rather it is "a serious attempt to bring out the meaning of familiar passages".

Jesus calming the waves of Galilee is now: "Jesus stood up an' seemed ter bawl aht a sooart o' command ter t' wind an't'waves - an' by Gum! Bit bi bit. t' storm bated." T' Lord's Prayer ends with: "An' all t' Pahr, an' all t' Glooary, Fer ivver and ivver . . . Aue! It is that!"

Dr Kellett, former head of modern languages at King James's school, Knaresborough, where he has twice been elected Mayor, says the robust Yorkshire speech is the



Kellett: lay preacher and former language teacher

The book is not a gimmick, says the publisher, but a serious attempt to bring out the meaning of familiar passages equivalent of how the people of Galilee must have sounded. using the down-to-earth language of fishermen and farmers.

According to the Bible Society, the Bible has been published in 349 out of the world's 6,000 languages and the New Testament in 841. This is the first in Yorkshire dialect.

Dr Kellett will on Wednesday join four others in the final of the Preacher of the Year Award at Southwark Cathedral. The finalists, chosen from more than 250 entries, will preach for ten minutes before a judging panel chaired by the Right Rev Michael Turnbull, the Bishop of Durham, and including John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, and Sir Ludovic Kennedy, the atheist and broadcaster

The other finalists are Father William Anderson, the only Roman Catholic and a canon at St Mary's Cathedral. Aberdeen: the Rev Christopher Burkett from Cheshire; the Rev Bernard Thomas from the Church in Wales: and Anne' Peat, a lay preacher from Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire. Each will preach on a different text from the

The final will be marked by the publication of The Times Book of Best Sermons (Cassell £9.99), containing the 30 shortlisted sermons and last year's winning sermon by the Rev Barry Overend from Leeds. The winner will receive a sculpture of a dove, representing the Holy Spirit, commissioned from Ros Stracey.

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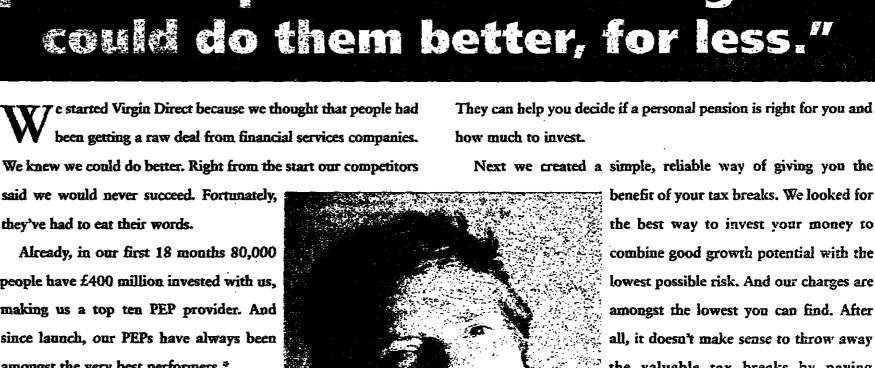
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Pupils view GCSE coursework as a cheat's charter

By David Charter, Education correspondent

STUDENTS see GCSEs as a charter for cheats, a survey of hundreds of teenagers commissioned by the examination boards has revealed.

More than half thought it was easy to cheat in coursework and nearly threequarters said it was impossible to be sure that projects done before the final examination were entirely the candidate's own work.

A majority of teachers in the agreed that it was easy for pupils to cheat in coursework. but said they would have little

difficulty in spotting it.

The study also found that pupils believed coursework was a much fairer method of assessment and overwhelmingly thought that it gave them valuable skills of research and organisation not demanded by the traditional end-of-year

The study, commissioned by the Joint Council for the GCSE, concluded: "There is clearly an inconsistency here. 52.5 per cent of boys and 51.2 One interpretation might be that an individual student will claim authenticity for his or her own work. What is in doubt is the authenticity of other students' work."

Coursework marked by the class teacher is limited to 20 per cent in mathematics, 25 per cent in history and geography, 30 per cent in modern foreign languages, 40 per cent in English and 60 per cent in study by Bath University art. The Government set these upper limits after controversy over standards when examination boards introduced GCSEs based on 100 per cent

> Just over half the 2,000 current and past GCSE students questioned in the study agreed with the 40 per cent limit and two thirds said that examinations were essential for the credibility of GCSEs.

the possibility for cheating." The School Curriculum and The students were not asked Assessment Authority said it had no evidence that attemptwhether they had cheated. When asked: "It is ed cheating in GCSEs was easy to cheat at coursework?".

per cent of girls agreed. Re-

searchers found that 66 per

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George Turnbull, a spokes-

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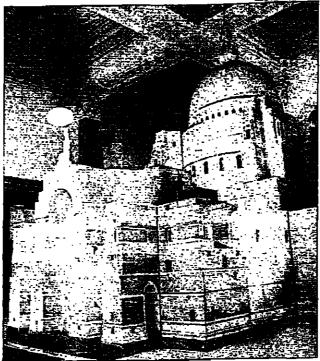
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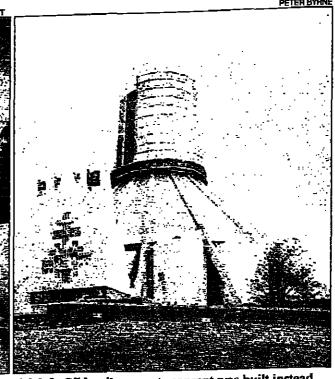
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The Lutyens design was realised only as a wooden model, left; Gibberd's concrete concept was built instead

Cash plea for cathedral that never was

AN APPEAL has been launched for £70,000 to restore a cathedral — not a real one, but an 11ft model of a building that was never constructed. At the same time £6.5 million is being sought to rescue the cathedral that took its place. Most people today are aware of the

modernistic shape of Liverpool's Roman Catholic Cathedral, irreverently known as Paddy's Wigwam. Fewer are

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aware of the original designs by Sir Edwin Lutyens. He planned a 530ft building, second only in size to St Peter's in Rome

A model made in the early 1930s of the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King has lain unregarded in various storerooms for most of the intervening years. Yesterday it went on show for only the third time, this time at the city's Walker Art Gallery.

Constructed from wood, it measures

12ft wide and 17ft long and was made by 12 craftsmen working for two years. Building was halted at the start of the Second World War with only the crypt

completed. In the post-war period the project was regarded as too extravagant. Frederick Gibberd designed the present cathedral, opened in 1967, but his experimental materials and systems have not stood the test of time. Cash is also needed to renovate the damaged and incomplete Lutyens model.

Neptune's weather is among

the most dynamic in the solar

system." Dr Sromovsky said.

At the conference two inde-

pendent teams announced the

discovery of a new planet in orbit around a Sun-like star 85

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identical mass and similar age

The new planet, whose exis-

tence was announced by

teams from San Francisco

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oblong-shaped orbit ever

found. Planets in our solar

system have near-circular or-

bits, with eccentricities (devi-

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closest approach to its parent

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Astronomers in a

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900mph winds

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

ASTRONOMERS have dis-

covered that Neptune is the

windiest corner of the solar

system. Winds blow at nearly

900mph around the equator of

the planet, but the reason for

the tempestuous conditions is a mystery.
On Earth, where winds seldom exceed 100mph, they

are driven by the energy of the

Sun, which heats the oceans

and atmosphere. On remote

Neptune, where the Sun is 900

times dimmer, winds ought to

Neptune's turbulent condi-

tions were disclosed by Dr

Lawrence Sromovsky, of the University of Wisconsin, at a

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A team led by Dr Sromovsky

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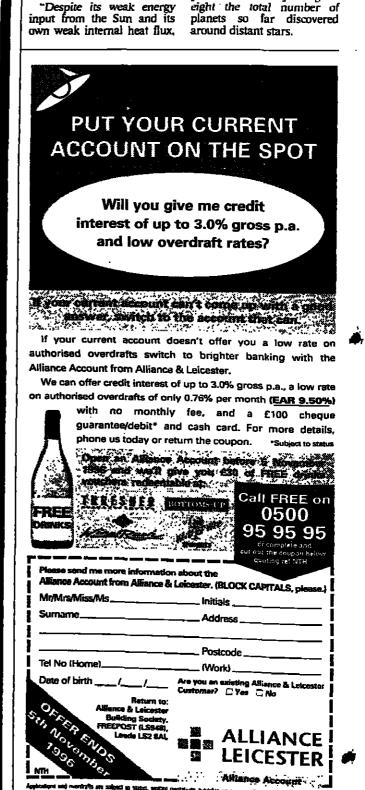
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Publicity stunt denied as £23 stopover coincides with final work on autobiography

Fair-deal Duchess praises the bed and breakfast life

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THE debt-plagued Duchess of York yesterday lavished praise on a £23-a-night bed and breakfast hotel where she stayed while paying her own way on a family outing to

Alton Towers.
In the past the Duchess has been infamous for a five-star lifestyle, often funded by generous friends and admirers. Coincidentally her much-pho-tographed "private" trip to the Staffordshire funfair came as final preparations are made for the launch of an autobiography. My Story, which she hopes will ease some of her pressing financial

"We had a very good meal and a great time. It's a great place to stay and very comfortable," she said when she emerged from the farmhouse hotel, Beeches, in the Derby-shire Dales village of Waldley. The hotel charges £23 a head and children are just £5 each. The Duchess's office would not comment on suggestions that she had embarked upon an economy drive.

At Alton Towers yesterday she took out her own credit card to buy tickets, instead of trying to get free passes on offer to celebrities. Lunch was also paid for by the Duchess, £5.98 for two portions of chicken nuggets and chips for her children, Beatrice and Eugenie, and £4.95 for chicken pasta and salad for herself.

Barbara and Paul Tunnicliffe, who have run the Beeches for ten years, would not reveal the name used to book the rooms, but said they were surprised when the Duchess



Keeping it simple the visitors' book was signed "Sarah", with no address. The children also signed

royal

biography, had not been re-

vealed to the media in ad-

vance, the Duchess's office

said yesterday. The Sun's photographer was

present to record the visit, but

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"I don't have any idea how

the newspaper found out about the visit," she added.

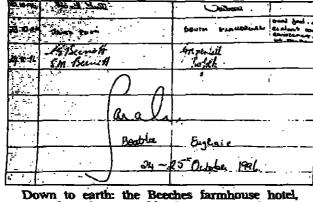
book, a spokeswoman said.

turned up on their doorstep with the two Princesses in tow. Mr Tunnicliffe said: "We had no idea that the Duchess was coming. The booking was

made three or four days ago." His wife, Barbara, added: "Of course, we recognised her as soon as she walked in the door just before 7pm on Thursday night. We were not aware who was coming and it makes no difference. Any guest will get the same service and the same experience here. We were not that taken aback though - we are used to high society people and entertainers staying with us."

Mrs Tunnicliffe said that the party was "delighted with their accomodation and food". However, on the instructions of the Duchess's staff, she could say no more. She was even prevented from revealing what the party had eaten for dinner. A three-course set

meal costs £20. The visit to Alton Towers, a break from frantic preparations to publicise the immilaunch of her auto-







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The Princesses were seen playing outside Beeches early yesterday morning, running around the yard with the farm cats. The Duchess slept in and did not appear until 10.15am. She signed the guestbook simply as "Sarah" in a long flowing hand, with the Prin-cesses adding their own names below. No address had been written down in the space provided.

An Alton Towers spokes-woman said: "The Duchess has gone back to some of the rides she had already visited and is enjoying some of the bigger rides with her friend. The Princesses obviously love the animals and went back to the farm."

She confirmed that the Duchess had spent £69.50 on a two-day pass to the park for herself and her daughters, adding that it was not unusual for "celebrities" to pay their



In the air: the Duchess, right, on the Nemesis ride at Alton Towers

Map of human genes on h Internet

By NIGEL HAWKES

THE biggest map yet produced showing the position c 16,000 human genes has gon on to the Internet, where it can be consulted by anybody.

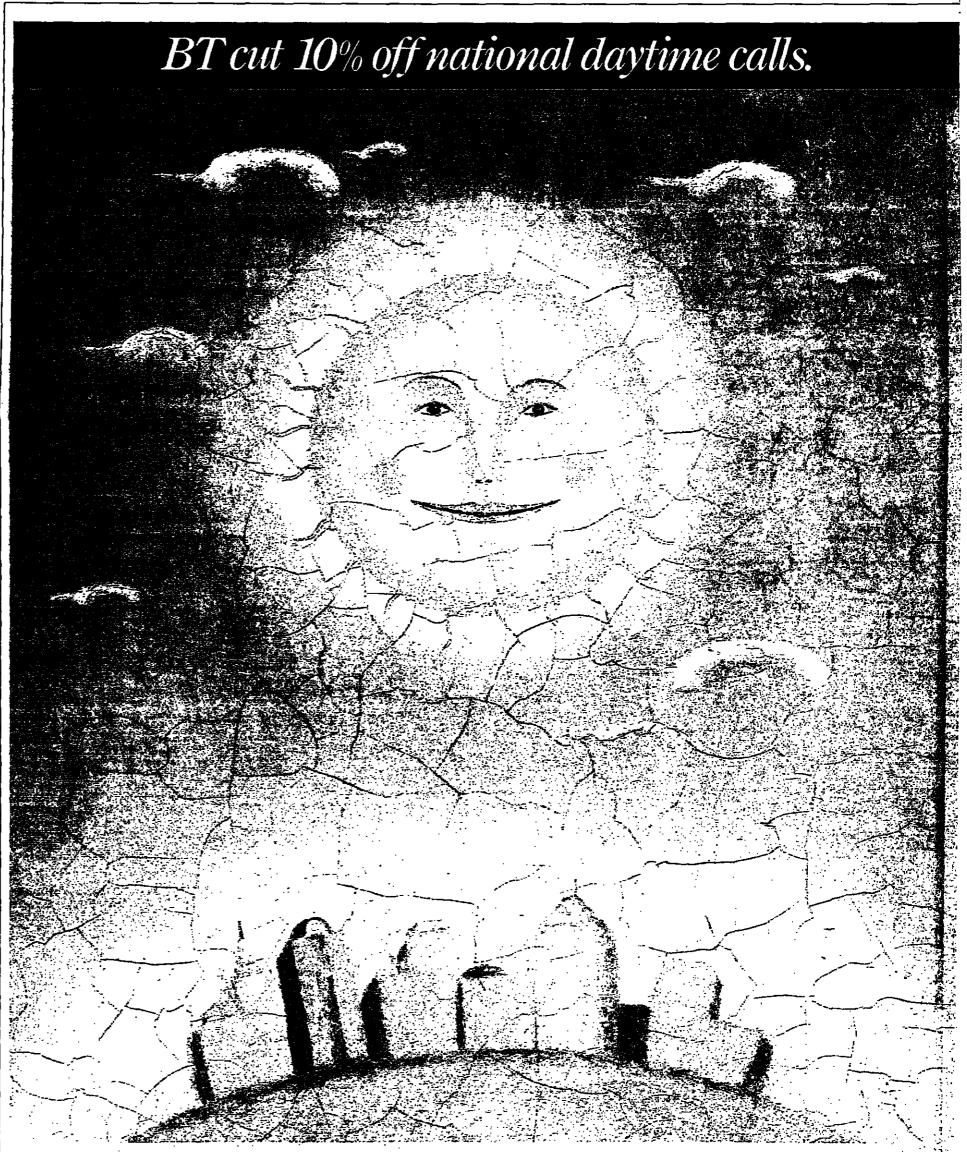
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A total of 104 scientist as-contributed to the map, with the substantial input from the Sanger Centre, near Cam bridge. It consists of long hi straight bars, representing the chromosomes, with gene dimarked along them.

Scientists searching for para ricular genes can consult that map to see if any have been identified in the region of they same chromosome they are interested in. This could held to identify many of the gene on the map which at presen, have no known function.

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Combined forces mass on two fronts in strategy to wrest Kabul from Islamic warriors

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The northern towns of Jabal

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Generals prepare for final strike against Taleban

ral Ahmed Shah Masood, a rmer defence minister, and ieneral Abdul Rashid Postum, the northern Uzbek arlord, are massing on two onts ready for a final assault n the remaining territory eld by the radical Islamic aleban north of Kabul.

Shrouded in the early mornig mist which hangs over the ast dusty plain north of the ity, two heavily armed forces re taking up their positions or what is expected to be one f the bloodiest battles since ne fall of Kabul a month ago. At General Masood's headuarters in Jabal os-Siraj. Aehrabodin Masstan, one of leneral Masood's senior ad-isers, said that the joint forces

rere almost ready and that ne final push would begin A combined force of fighters yal to General Masood and ieneral Dostum has been ssembled at Wadkey on the iew Kabul road north of the lagram airbase ready for the en-mile push to Kabul airport n the district of Dehsabz.

The second force, made up surely of General Masood's roops, is concentrating at the



Michael Dynes reports from Husseini Kot, Afghanistan, as troops gather for a decisive assault on the capital

the old Kabul road, about seven miles north of the Kabul suburb of Khair Khana, Mr Masstan said.

General Masood and General Dostum also plan to retake the eastern approaches to the city where Taleban forces launched their offensive on Kabul. The former government forces remain adamant that they will not shell the city

It is now clear that General Dostum's artillery played a central role in the recapture of Bagram airbase about ten days ago, while his fighters have helped General Masood push the Taleban militia all the way back from the Panjshir Valley.

General Masood's com manders are confident that Taleban, which has suffered heavy casualties during fighting in the Panishir Valley and around Bagram, will be un-

Apart from sporadic poundng of heavy artillery on Taleban positions near Husseini Kot General Masood's front line seems relatively quiet for now. General Gul Haidar, the frontline commander, refused to let correspondents pass because Taleban tanks had been firing at anything that was on the road north. Sarid Yasin, our Tajik interpreter, had hoped to visit the village of Shakardara to bring out his father and brother who have been trapped since the latest round

of fighting began. But the commander would not be

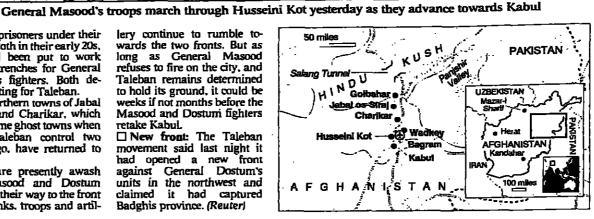
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lery continue to rumble to wards the two fronts. But as long as General Masood refuses to fire on the city, and Taleban remains determined to hold its ground, it could be weeks if not months before the Masood and Dostum fighters

retake Kabul. □ New front: The Taleban movement said last night it had opened a new front against General Dostum's units in the northwest and



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FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN ISTANBUL

IN A macabre crime that has baffled police and shocked the Turkish people, thieves made their way into an Istanbul cemetery to snatch the body of Vehbi Koc. the founder of the country's most powerful business empire.

Employees of one of the Koc-owned companies who had intended to pay their respects at the grave raised the alarm on discovering that the cement lid had been prised open. The contents were missing except for a shoelace and a piece of shroud.

Koc, who died on February 25 aged 95, founded the conglomerate that bears his name. It is easily Turkey's largest company, with an annual turnover of £6 billion. A vice-president of the group said the grave-robbing continued to defy all rational explanation", although press speculation is that the perpetrators will demand a ransom. The removal of Koc's body so close to Turkey's national holiday next week has been greeted with outrage and dis-belief. Koc was regarded as someone whose career mirrored the rise of the Turkish republic. If Kemal Ataturk founded the Turkish nation. Koc created its prosperity. He produced Turkey's first light bulb, its first refrigerator and

Tribal war escalates on Zaire's border

THNIC war engulfed Cenral Africa's Great Lakes reyesterday, sending lutsis fleeing from Zaire.

Other Tutsi fighters crossed nto eastern Zaire to attack lutu refugee camps as well is protect their tribesmen rom ethnic slaughter. The ighting has led to an exodus of Hutus from refugee camps und revenge killings of Tutsis n and around Bukavu, the apital of Zaire's South Kivu

Relief food supplies for a nillion Hutus in camps to the north and south of Lake Kivu nave been cut off by Tutsi īghters from Rwanda. Buundi and Zaire. Their aim is o drive tribal enemies away rom border camps used as

nsurgent bases. Yesterday a trickle of Tutsis rom Zaire managed to cross nto Rwanda bearing tales of thnic genocide. They said the cillings had been incited by ocal Zairean authorities.

Zaire's administration sparked the regional conflagration by demanding that all Tutsis leave the country or lace arrest as Kinbwa wa Lumona, the local Governor, ordered the expulsions in a television broadcast and described all Tutsis as

'serpents". A typical victim of the regional crusade to exterminate Tutsis was a businessbridge from Bukavu to safety

nesses in Bukavu, he had been forced to hide in his home for the last month after anti-Tutsi tribesmen rampaged through the streets.

Hutu extremists, appears to have underestimated the close zens and their brethren across the eastern borders. After a

They received the backing of about 2,000 Rwandan soldiers from their tribe who managed to cross into Zaire



"They yelled that they want

ed to cut our heads off," he said. "My house was attacked. Friends helped me to get to the border in a closed van with my family."

Zaire's administration, which is friendly to Rwanda's bond between its Tutsi citipurge of Tutsis in North Kivu earlier this year, the Tutsis fought back and won a string of victories over Zaire's illequipped army, forcing it back to within 15 miles of Bukavu.



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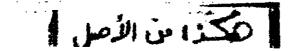
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BY BEN MACINTYRE

A SWEDISH journalist has added her pennyworth to the mythology of Fran-cois Mitterrand by writing

a book about her long and

intense relationship with a

man she depicts as timid,

solitary and a keen collec-

been linked romantically

with the late former President and earlier this year there was widespread, but

unsubstantiated. specula-

tion that her eight-year-old son might be Mitterand's. In publicity interviews for

her memoirs entitled Don't You Love Life? Ms

Forsne referred to her

relationship with him only as a "loving friendship".

Ms Forsne, a former

Paris correspondent for a

Swedish newspaper, met Mitterrand when she was

31 and half his age. After

their first interview, the

politician asked her out to

dinner with the leading

question: "Do you always

talk politics. Don't you love life, then?"

Ms Forsne subsequently became a regular, if unoffi-

cial. visitor at the Elysee,

although she was not in-

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Christina Forsne, 48, has

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Russian Army 'on brink' of mutiny

THE Russian Defence Minister. General Igor Rodionov, gave a warning yesterday that the country's armed forces were on the verge of an "uncontrollable" crisis.

In the latest cry of help from the military, which many believe may be ready to mutiny. General Rodionov told a meeting of former combat veterans that projected spend-ing on defence would cover only about a third of the country's needs.

"The country's leadership and society should know that chronic under-funding has taken the armed forces to the brink of undesirable, and even uncontrollable, develop-ments," the general said. "If the 1997 defence budget is not corrected. Russia may lose the armed forces as an integral and capable state structure and will have to face the

"Russia needs mobile, combat-ready and technically equipped armed forces whose power should be well known to any potential enemy," he said in a clear effort to win the support of those in the military who oppose the cutbacks reforms would involve. Although General Rodio-

nov's remarks must be viewed in the light of the current attempt by all government ministries to win a larger slice of the proposed budget, which is under review in parliament, his warning nevertheless was taken very seriously. Twice this month General Aleksandr Lebed, the dismissed security



Russian soldiers, who are often asked to help on farms, carry cabbages given them for working in a field at Gorodishche, west of Moscow

chief, has predicted an insurrection in the autumn unless the military receives its wages and supplies.

His warning took on an added sense of urgency when an anonymous letter, written by officers in the general staff and addressed to General Rodionov, threatened to take unspecified action against the Kremlin leadership unless their back pay was paid by

"We have enough force to als, particularly in the armed make these gentlemen [in the forces and the police, that they

Government) abandon their plans," the officers said.

President Yeltsin, who is esting at a sanatorium outside Moscow before his open heart operation next month, has clearly been unsettled by the signs of disgruntlement. However, he seems determined to keep a lid on the armed forces by sacking unruly officers. Yesterday, in his latest radio address, Mr Yeltsin warned senior offici-

face instant dismissal if they air their complaints and feud in public.

A number of senior officials at the Defence Ministry and the Interior Ministry have been dismissed for this reason over the last few days. That is what is going to happen to anyone who will quarrel instead of doing their job," he said. He was referring to a recent purge among top officers, including the chief of staff, the deputy commander of the airborne forces and the

highly successful head of the organised crime squad in Moscow.

In spite of his warning, however, Mr Yeltsin did not offer any solutions to the chronic lack of funding for the armed forces, whose infrastructure is rapidly falling apart. This week a leaked CIA report published in The Washington Times said that Russia's control over its nuclear arsenal had weakened as a result of "wrenching social change, economic hardship

and malaise within the armed forces".

Last week General Boris Gromov, an MP and the last commander of Soviet forces in Afghanistan, said that the plight of the military could not be exaggerated. He said that 60 per cent of navy's ships and submarines were not seaworthy, that the ground forces would lose their last serviceable helicopter in four years if current supplies continued, and that all armoured vehicles would grind to a halt by 2005.

Germans

'opposed

to euro'

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN WEIMAR

TWO thirds of all Germans

are against giving up the mark for the euro, and 80 per

cent believe that a single

European currency would not be as stable as the mark.

These findings are among the results of recent polls

showing that German public

opinion is overwhelmingly

hostile to Economic and Mon-

etary Union (EMU) and al-

most as sceptical as British

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Union as a whole. The results are more startling in the light

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found that almost half those

asked thought the single mar-

ket had brought only disad-

vantages to Germany. About

77 per cent believed that the

Gaullists shaken by salary scandal

FROM BEN MACINTYRE

A FRESH scandal has struck the Gaullist party amid revelations that the son of Jean Tiberi, the Mayor of Paris, was paid by the state-owned airline Air France for nearly three years after he left the company to become a ministe-rial aide.

Dominique Tiberi, already the focus of a city housing scandal, left his job at Air France in May 1993 when he became deputy chief of staff to Roger Romani, Minister for Parliamentary Relations, But his salary continued to be paid by the airline until last December, according to Le Monde. On June 19 the Prime Minister's office "discreetly" repaid more than Fr1.1 million (£150,000) to Air France for wages and social security benefits paid to M Tiberi, but only after a judicial inquiry into the payments was under way, the paper said.

M Romani confirmed the

money had been repaid by the Government, but insisted the reimbursement was made after Air France itself pointed out the "anomaly".

The inquiry into M Tiberi's finances comes after allegations that numerous false salaries" were paid by Air France to political appointees. M Tiberi has acknowledged being paid by Air France after he stopped working for the company, but denied that he had been paid a double salary. He was interviewed by judicial police for an hour on Thursday. It must be verified, for the sake of formality, that Dominique Tiberi was not picking up two salaries, as he claims," an investigator told Le Parisien.

M Romani said the salary paid to M Tiberi was unconnected with other payments made to ministerial employees by Air France as political favours in the 1980s.

One senior adviser allegedly paid a monthly wage by Air France was Gerard Colé, former head of the French lottery. who is under investigation on charges of corruption. Between 1981 and 1985 seven advisers to Mitterrand were paid by Air France but were not employed by the company. "At the time it was normal,"

Michel Vauzelle, who became Mitterrand's spokesman and Justice Minister, told Le the Elysèe in 1981 I was told that advisers' salaries had been taken on by public companies. I was paid by Air France until 1985."

Jean Tiberi, who took over as Paris Mayor from Jacques Chirac in May 1995, is already under investigation for allegedly ordering the refurbishment of a city-owned flat for his son at a cost to taxpayers of more than Frl.5 million.

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Floundering Dole vents anger on unheeding voters

BOB DOLE, reeling from the Mr Dole's approach as "weird fallout of his disastrous overture to Ross Perot, has begun venting his frustration on the American electorate in a virtual admission of defeat.

As even his campaign aides voiced despair over the Perot debacle, Mr Dole brusquely demanded at one campaign rally: "Wake up, America! You're about to do yourself an injustice if you vote for Bill Clinton." At another, he plaintively asked: "Where is the outrage in America?".

Expressing amazement that the country could re-elect a President so flawed, he continued: "I wonder sometimes what people are thinking about - if people are thinking at all. Mike McCurry, the White House spokesman, advised the 73-year-old Republican not to accuse the American people of not thinking when you're trying to enlist their support".

Mr Dole was furious that the media learnt of his campaign manager's secret trip to Dallas on Wednesday to urge Mr Perot to quit the race and endorse the Republican ticket. However, Republican offici-als, including some of Mr Dole's own advisers, were equally angry with him for ordering an initiative The New York Times termed "looney".

The move reeked of desperation and gave Mr Perot's moribund campaign 48 hours of priceless publicity. It stood practically no chance of success, given the Texan billionaire's huge investment in his new Reform Party and anger at Mr Dole for barring him from the presidential debates. Mr Perot not only dismissed

and totally inconsequential", but he also exploited the media's renewed attention to launch a searing assault on Mr Clinton's "huge moral, ethical and criminal problems" that exposed the feebleness of Mr Dole's attacks.

"I don't understand it. We gave Perot a forum for his anti-Clinton platform. It may be worth a few points for him," one senior Dole adviser

Mr Dole failed to consult even Haley Barbour, the Republican Party chairman, or



sending Scott Reed to Dallas. He evidently believed Mr Perot, languishing in single figures in the polls, might seize the chance to avoid humiliation on November 5 but, in the words of another Dole official, he left his own troops

"stunned and dispirited". Tom Pauken, the Texas Republican party chairman, said it was "hard to fathom how such an effort could be successful". Another state chairman said Mr Dole's move "told the whole world how sick his campaign is". William Pascoe, the American Conservative Union political director, said it "makes Dole look pathetic and desperate". A front-page article in The New York Times yesterday

described the Dole campaign as "besieged and disordered" thoroughly demoralised and plagued by mishaps.

The Republican candidate, an awkward public figure to begin with, these days often finds himself standing in front of small crowds, or shouting over a screechy or failing sound system, or watching as balloons drop or confetti shoots off in the middle of a speech, or taking the stage to such metaphorically challenging music as the Mission Impossible theme, or driving off in his limousine and leav ing part of his motorcade

Yesterday Newt Gingrich. the House of Representatives Speaker, said that he would not seek to lead a Republican minority if, as seems possible, his party loses control of Congress on November 5. ☐ New York: Nasa is hoping

to arrange for an astronaut in space to vote in the presidential election (Quentin Letts writes). John Blaha, who is on the Russian space station Mir, was so busy training that he forgot to organise an absentee ballot before he blasted off last month. Mr Blaha, from Texas, has told Nasa that he would like to vote, and negotiations are being held with Texan authorities to allow the astronaut to indicate his preference via coded e-mail. If this does not come off, it may be possible to allow Mr Blaha's wife to cast his vote.



Carolyn McCarthy acknowledges a supporter after announcing her candidacy outside the Long Island home she shared with her husband

Widow aims for Congress in guns battle

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN HEMPSTEAD, LONG ISLAND

AT DAWN on Thursday a slight, blonde, middle-aged woman stood on the platform of this suburban community's railway station and greeted commuters arriving for the 50-minute ride to Manhattan.

"How yer doin"?" she asked. 'I'm Carolyn McCarthy. I'm running for Congress." Sleepy eyes lit up. "Preciate your courage," said one. "Saw you on television. You did good. Sure I'll vote for you," said another.

Twice a week Mrs McCarthy starts her 17-hour day by campaigning at Long Island stations. Since June she has appeared at 23 of the 24 in the middle class congressional

district she hopes to serve. There is just one that she will not visit, and that is Merillon Avenue, five minutes from her home. She avoids it for the same reason she is now running for Congress. It was at Merillon Avenue on December 7, 1993, that the 5.33pm from New York opened its doors to reveal a scene of carnage.

Six people lay dead and

another 19 wounded. A Jamaican immigrant named Colin Ferguson had run amok with a semiautomatic rifle. Mrs McCarthy's husband, Dennis, was dead and their 26-year-old

son, Kevin, was barely alive. Mrs McCarthy's transformation from a quiet 50-yearold housewife into a public

neurosurgeon opened a news conference by suggesting that if her son survived at all he would be paralysed. "You're wrong. He will live. And he will move," she interrupted. Three years later Kevin has

6 She wanted to do something so her husband did not die in vain 9

recovered, thanks largely to her determination, and is again commuting to the inestment firm where he and his father worked.

Gun-control advocates seized on Mrs McCarthy. They flew her to Washington

ons ban that was enacted in mid-1994. That November, the Republicans however. captured Congress and despite her entreaties Mrs Mc-Carthy's new congressman, Dan Frisa, voted to repeal the

ban. She was - and still

is - a registered Republican, but vowed in her fury to run against him as a Democrat. "She wanted to do something so Dennis didn't die in vain," a friend said.

The Democrats, who need 18 more seats to regain the House of Representatives on November 5, were thrilled to recruit Mrs McCarthy. The political neophyte was invited to address August's Democratic convention. She was

embraced by the media. She has built an army of 850 volunteers, raised \$600,000 (£385,000) in donations and received huge support from the national Democratic Party, the labour movement women's organisations and

gun-control groups. She claims Mr Frisa backed the repeal to please the National Rifle Association, which has contributed \$10,000 to his campaign, and believes he grotesquely misjudged the mood of his district.

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sailed towards the United

The Colombian-registered Don Celso was boarded by naval police patrolling the Pacific Ocean near Panama ten days ago, and escorted to the port of Esmeralda in Ecuador under suspicion that it was carrying drugs. Yesterday the trawler was searched that was intercepted as it

and 286 packets of cocaine were found in a cargo of rotting fish. The crew of four men were arrested.

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It was the latest in a series of police shootings that have enraged the black community. The city of 240,000, which two weeks ago hosted the vice-presidential election debate, is usually known for its elderly population and year-round sunny beaches.

Residents woke yesterday to find pictures of Los Angeles style rioting dominating the front page of the local newspaper. It was an ugly reminder that racial tension exists in most American cities, even though it has barely been touched upon in the election

Angry bystanders chanted "Stop police brutality in the black community", while stones and bottles were hurled at police in full riot gear.

As the violence began on Thursday, leallets appeared calling on police to stop "the US war on the African-American community". About 500 police struggled for hours to control the violence, using teargas and dogs. Guns were fired at police cars and stones were thrown at fire-engines trying to tackle at least 28 fires set during the rioting.

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was the worst night of violence they could remember. It occurred in a predominantly black, low-income area south of the city centre, which has been plagued by crime and drugs. "It's the poorest part of city." said Howard Troxler, political editor of the St Petersburg Times. There were simmering tensions be-tween residents and the previous police chief, who was fired

racist." The last time the city witnessed similar unrest was 18 years ago, when a black man was shot by police in a struggle at the same spot where Thursday's incident took place. Since then the city has become more integrated, but community leaders say unemployment and rampant drug use have made black youths angrier.

Police chased a stolen car amid allegations he was a driven by an 18-year-old.

the driver.

in front of the car.

ward, the woman officer screamed at her partner to shoot. Witnesses said the male officer fired five times, killing

Police said the officers feared the driver was trying to

shooting of the year in St claimed that the car moved Petersburg. A week ago a man only a matter of inches, "The was shot by police in a boy wasn't going fast enough confrontation after he broke to run them over. He wasn't into his estranged wife's aparteven going at 2 mph," said Lisa Craft, 19. ment and attacked her with a knife. The six other shootings

run them down. But witnesses

"It's not clear what actually happened," said David Welch, a member of the local council. "but I do know we're in a state of rage at this particular moment'

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Saudi extremist linked to bombings

From Reuter IN DUBAI

OSAMA BIN LADEN, named by American officials as a prime suspect in two bombings in Saudi Arabia, is a renegade businessman who has given a warning of a holy war against Americans in the homeland of Islam.

Counter-terrorism officials in Washington said on Thursday they had received a report from a foreign intelligence service that he had taken credit for the bombings in telephone conversations and had threatened to strike again. Twenty-four American military personnel and two Indians were killed in the blasts in Riyadh last November and at a

barracks in the eastern city of al-Khobar in June. Mr bin Laden has denied involvement in the bombings but said they were warnings that the United States should withdraw its forces from Saudi Arabia. Four Saudis who said in confessions on Saudi television that they were influenced by Mr bin Laden and other Saudi dissidents were beheaded in May for the Riyadh bombing.

A Beirut newspaper close to Saudi circles said on Thursday Saudi authorities had arrested II people in connection with the June blast. "They are being interrogated minutely and in utmost secrecy," al-Bayrak reported, adding that Prince Nayef, the Saudi Interior Minister, was following the interrogation

closely. Last night Saudi authorities had no comment on the report. In a 12-page statement published in

August in the London-based Arabiclanguage newspaper, al-Quds al-Arabi, Mr bin Laden called for a jihad, or holy war, "against the Americans who are occupying the land of the two shrines [Mecca and Medina]". He referred to the American forces in the Gulf - more than 20,000 with scores of aircraft and warships, according to the United States

— as a "crusader" army. The London-based Saudi newspaper. al-Hayat, said earlier this month that sources close to the Taleban militia had reported Mr bin Laden near the city of Jalalabad, in eastern Afghanistan.



Draskovic: threat to boycott elections

US delays supply of arms to **Bosnia**

BY MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

AMERICAN tanks and guns bound for the Bosnian Government to re-equip Muslim-Croat Federation forces stayed on a ship in the Croatian port of Ploce last night, after Washington demanded that certain conditions be met before the arms were unloaded.

The huge supply of weapons, including 45 M60 tanks, 80 MII armoured personnel carriers, IS UHIH helicopters. 840 light anti-tank weapons and 45,000 MI6 rifles, should have been unloaded from a chartered freighter as part of the American train-and-equip programme. However, Washington has insisted on the removal from office of Hasan Cengic, the Bosnian Deputy Defence Minister, whom it says is a Muslim nationalist with close links to Iran.

Washington brokered the Muslim-Croat Federation and pledged to equip its forces with heavy weapons once the Dayton peace accord had been fully implemented, in order to create a balance of arms between the federation and the Bosnian Serbs. The total arms package is worth about \$100 million (£63 million) and includes training for the federa-

tion forces. Yesterday an official at the American Embassy in Sarajevo said the arms shipment was unlikely to be unloaded for several days. If President lzetbegovic agrees to remove Mr Cengic, the arms will be sent to registered storage sites as required under Dayton. Yesterday Zajedno, the Ser-

bian opposition coalition led by Vuk Draskovic, threatened to boycott next month's parliamentary elections, accusing America and its allies of not wanting to send observers to guard against fraud.

SUMMARY **Mounties** uncover

all involved motorists.

Yesterday the city was calm

and streets in the riot district

were deserted. City leaders

were meeting representatives

of black organisations to ex-

WORLD -

Ottawa: The Royal Canadian Mounted Police have discovered a cache of arms and a training camp for radical right-wing American extremist groups in the remote mountains of northern British Columbia (Richard Cleroux

arms cache

Sergeant Peter Montague said enough weapons and ammunition, including automatic rifles and a machine gun, were found to fight a small war.

The find is believed to be linked to militia groups in the US North West.

TWA chief quits over disaster New York: The chief executive

of TWA, who was criticised for his response to the July TWA Flight 800 disaster, has left the airline (Quentin Letts writes). Jeffrey Erickson, 51, who resigned soon after the company announced \$14 million (£8.8 million) losses, was asleep in London when the Boeing 747 crashed off New York's Long Island, which gave an impression of absenteeism.

Norway has new Prime Minister

Oslo: Thorbjoern Jagland was appointed Prime Minister of Norway, but his Labour Government faces its next test at the polls in less than a year. King Harald V appointed Mr Jagland, 46, after accepting the surprise resignation of Gro Harlem Brundtland, who has dominated Norwegian politics for 15 years. She said she wanted to give Labour a fresh start. (Reuter)

Romania jails two journalists

Bucharest: Two Romanian journalists were jailed for accusing President Iliescu of being a KGB informer while he was a student in Moscow (Sean Hillen writes).

Sorin Rosca Stanescu, the editor of the Belgrade newspaper Ziua, who received a one-year sentence, and Tana Ardeleanu. a reporter, who got 14 months, are appealing against their convictions.

Bulgarians go to the polls

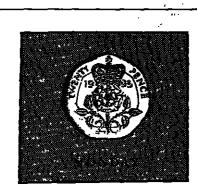
Bulgaria votes for a new President tomorrow as the country battles with its worst economic crisis since the end of communism in 1989 (James Pettifer and Our Foreign Staff write). Opinion polls put the main opposition candidate Petar Stoyanov, 44, a lawyer, ahead of Ivan Marazov 54, the Culture Minister.

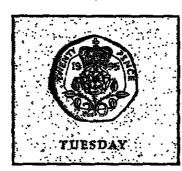


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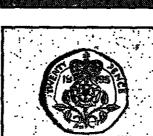
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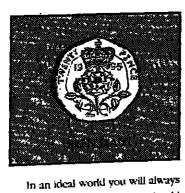
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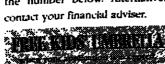
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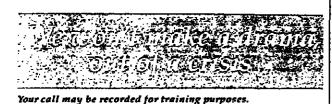
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Pompeii site yields more secrets to British team

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN POMPEI

A STRIKING and unusual gold signet ring from the first century AD has been found by a British archeological team at Pompeii, digging in a hitherto neglected part of the ruins. Professor Andrew Wallace-Hadrill, director of the British School at Rome, who is in charge of the British project's excavations, said the ring and other newly unearthed artefacts showed there were still "exciting discoveries to be made" in areas of Pompeii abandoned or left unexplored

The British School team, in collaboration with Michael Fulford, professor of archaeology at Reading University. has been given permission by Pietro Guzzo, the new Superintendent at Pompeii, to restore a block of houses closed to the public. Pompeii, which was overwhelmed by an eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79, has been extensively excavated since 1748.

However, much of it re-mains unexplored, or semiexcavated using crude tech-niques — "shovels instead of trowels", in the words of one team member. Whole sections are cordoned off and exposed to the elements. The British School team, working with Italian experts led by Salvatore Nappo, a noted Italian archaeologist, is part of an international effort to rescue Pompeii from further

The British team hopes to repair some of the half-restored houses fronting the main street at Pompeii, which contain valuable frescoes badly damaged by damp, but they have begun in "humbler dwellings" at the back of the



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steady upward advance led by mankind but a rich and

unpredictable diversity.

The forum which marks the publication of Life's Grandeur. The Spread of Excellence from Plato to Darwin (Jonathan Cape, £16.99), will be held at the Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WCl at 7.30pm. Tickets at £10 (concessions £7.50) which includes £2.

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Hadrill said they had been rewarded with "a new flash of insight into what life was like when the volcano struck".

Much of the volcanic material covering the site was removed in the 1950s for use in motorway construction. Archaeologists dug down to pavement level but did not publish the results. The Brit-ish School team is now exploring below pavement level to piece together clues about the earlier history of Pompeii.

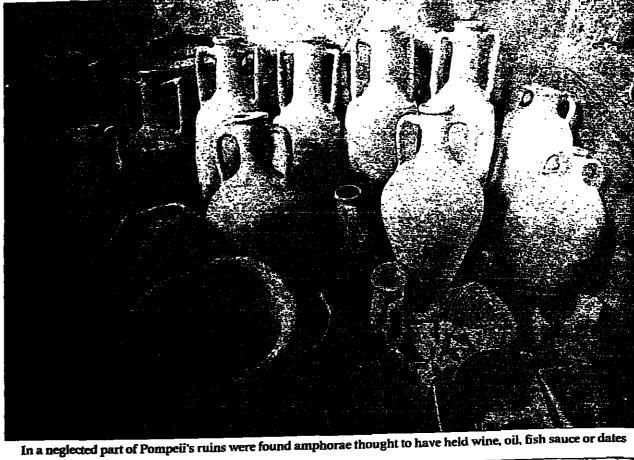
The house where the ring was found has been dubbed "The House of Amarantus", the name etched in black ink on some of the dozens of large amphorae unearthed in the courtyard. The seal on the gold ring bears the image of a mule. The body of a mule and a dog were found, perfectly preserved, lying in a stable near the entrance.

"Our assumption is that Amarantus sold wine in the amphorae, and perhaps oil, fish sauce and dates," Professor Wallace-Hadrill said. Wine was sold from a bar on the street corner.

More than 60 of the jars have a characteristic Cretan shape and had apparently just been brought in from Pompeii harbour while the volcano rumbled menacingly above. In an area behind the bar the team found small ritual burial pits containing male poultry bones, suggesting that Amarantus or an earlier occupant not only sold wine but staged cocklights for punters. No body was found in the

house. But near by Professor Nappo and his team have preserved a striking tableau of fleeing human figures. Some are crouching, some sprawling, and one appears to be trying in vain to cover a companion. Like the House of Amarantus and some beautifully restored gardens planted with vines and roses, the group of figures — the only one preserved where it was found - is closed to the public because there are not enough guides and guards.

We must find a better balance between conservation and tourism," Professor Wallace-Hadrill said. "Even the central parts of Pompeii are not properly looked after. The picture we have goes back 100 vears or more and needs fundamental reassessment. The Pompei that seems familiar to us is actually un-



known." Desperately needed funds for restoration are being blocked by bureaucratic obstacles. Filippo Coarelli, an Ital-ian archaeologist from Perugia, is leading a cam-paign for full "block-by-block" publication of Pompeii before

it crumbles away.
Professor Wallace-Hadrill, who proposes reburying parts of Pompeii in a drastic attempt to preserve them, said tourists were trampling on mosaics and damaging murals.

Many left disappointed by Pompeii and bored out of their minds because they were offered hopelessly inadequate explanations of what they saw. "Tourists need not be destructive. They are an economic resource and can



A first-century gold ring, one of the "exciting discoveries"

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Marx ousted from history

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e young lives

Under "reforms" intro-duced by the previous Socialist Government, history was stripped from the school syllabus. In its place was intro-duced the subject of "social sciences", a "modern discipline for a technical age". In truth, it is but a mongrel subject which throws geogra-phy, sociology, anthropology.

MADRID FILE by TUNKU VARADARAJAN

economics, ecology and a few fragments of history into a crude scholastic blender, to be pulped and served cold to students aged 12 to 16.

Yet hope could soon be around the corner, in the determined form of Esperanza Aguirre, Spain's Minister for Education and Culture. An admirer of Margaret Thatcher, she is determined to return Spanish schools to them the compulsory teaching of simple, unadorned

SPARE a thought for Felipe González, paparazzo rushed up and took his photo-Spain's former Socialist Prime Minister. Taking a breather from this week's budget "don't publish that. It'll set a bad example to

history. The wrath of Señora Aguirre was aroused days after she moved into her offices on Madrid's Calle Alcala. I was going through textbooks when it dawned on me that there was no mention of Julius Caesar." She sent out an official to buy more books, only to discover that the landscape of history as taught in Spanish schools was more barren than that of bleakest

Indeed, large swaths of the Photo idea goes up in smoke

by a cadre of Socialist technoernts who were keen to leave their stamp on education and filled the texts with references to "neo-colonialism" and "the crisis in the liberal-bourgeois world". In a section devoted to "the evolution of ideology after the Second World War", only the following examples of ideologies are given: posiism and existentialism. Capitalism, where mentioned, is linked only to such things as Third World debt or the birth of labour move-ments during the Industrial Revolution.

"I want to restore respect for the humanities in Spain," Señora Aguirre says. "History is a central pillar of our civilisation. I cannot bear to see it reduced to a shallow study of 'the roots of the contemporary age"." What would she like to do? "I want to start a national debate for change, one that will free our education of this Marxist focus. A Spanish child has a right to learn about Drake. And about all the galleons he



Señora Aguirre, who wants Spanish children to learn all about Drake

Opera buffs sound note of optimism

MADRID will soon shake off its down-market status as the only Euro-pean capital without a proper opera house. The authorities promise that the city's casa, the Teatro Real will reopen next October, 71 years after an

aria was last performed there. Built in 1850, it closed for repairs in 1925 when cracks were found in the walls, presumably caused by sopra-nos. Opera has not been staged there

The theatre was reopened by Franco in 1966, but as a venue for orchestral music only. It limped on for two decades, only to close again. Originally scheduled for 1990, the reopening has been postponed repeatedly. The initial budget was £15 million: more than £75 million has been spent so far.

Last year a giant chandelier hurtled from the ceiling as the Minister of Culture was inspecting progress, missing her by the breadth of a false moustache. This year the theatre's Socialist-appointed director was sacked in a row with the conservative

It is with wry amusement that Madrid has noted that the work with which its theatre reopens is de Falla's

debate in parliament, he stepped out into the corridor for a drag on a much-needed pitillo. people." Astonishingly, the photographer promised not to, and instead cadged a As the smoke brought relief to bored lungs, a cigarette from Spain's most famous smoker. US embargo under fire as Vatican envoy goes to Cuba

By RICHARD OWEN

THE Vatican yesterday paved the way for a meeting between the Pope and President Castro by sending its top diplomat to Havana for the first time in more than two decades and launching a propaganda cam-paign against the US embargo of Cuba.

Cuba is the only Latin American country not yet visited by the Pope, whose travels since his election in 1978 have earned him the title of "the Pilgrim Pope". He underwent an operation two weeks ago for the removal of an inflamed appendix but is keen to demonstrate that he is fully back in charge. He is expected to appear for his St Peter's Square address tomorrow and

brate the fiftieth anniversary Mgr Jean-Louis Tauran, the Vatican's foreign minister, set off yesterday for Havana by way of Madrid. He is the highest-ranking Vatican official to go to Cuba since 1974. Relations have cooled, but the Vatican argues that although President Castro leads one of he world's last Communist egimes, the Catholic church in Cuba has gained a measure

next week will publicly cele-

of freedom. No meeting between Archbishop Tauran and the Cuban leader is scheduled, but Vatican officials said it was "not ruled out". If the visit goes well, Dr Castro is expected to attend the Word Food Summit in Rome in November, which the Pope is to open. This in turn would open the way for a papal visit to Havana.

This week Cor Unum, the Vatican's humanitarian arm which oversees the work of Catholic aid agencies, issued a report on world hunger which sharply criticised the United States for its embargoes on Cuba and Iraq. The report said that economic embargoes hurt ordinary people more than the regimes they were aimed at. "The human costs of such measures must be more carefully weighed," it added.

Archbishop Paul Josef Cordes, president of Cor said although regimes were considered a threat to world security the effect of blockades was "to enable them to hold their own peoples hostage". Last week Cardinal Roger Etchegaray, a senior Vatican figure close to the Pope, condemned the Helms-Burton Act reinforcing trade embargoes on Cuba and

other "pariah states". The report said hungry and mainourished people had "the right to food", a phrase the US wants to keep out of the World Food Summit communiqué.

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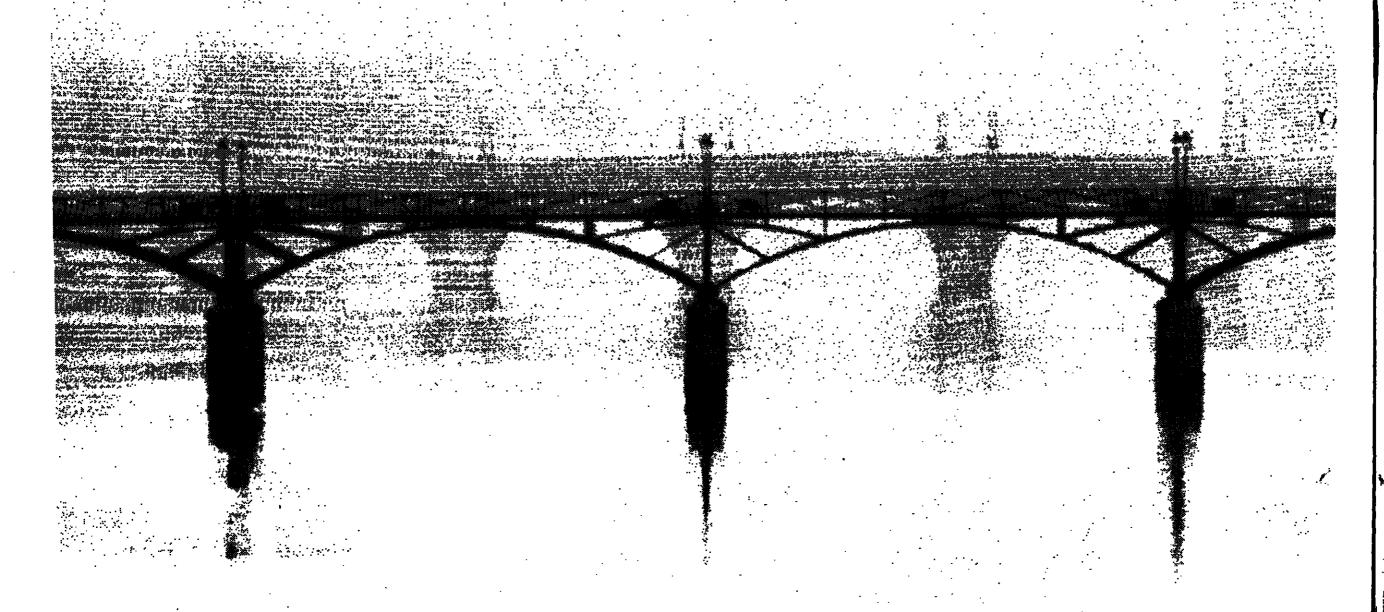
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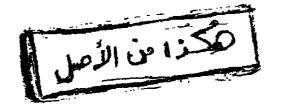
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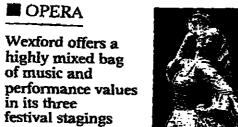
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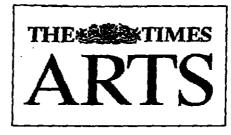


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OPERA: Rodney Milnes finds some pleasant surprises at this year's Wexford Festival

Bashed out and brilliant

to be a very trish affair, its Irishness hardly at all diluted by managerial and artistic input from Britain in the 1970s and 1980s. It was as much the super-abundant charm of the town and its people that kept audiences returning year after year as the repertory of operas either forgotten or simply overlooked (sometimes with good reason).

Even to mention Wexford's Irishness nowadays is politically in-correct on an epic scale and liable to draw accusations of racism, as though all the reasons for which one loves the country were somehow un-

mentionable in polite society.
I remain incorrigibly impolite, and shamelessly nostalgic for the days when you heard the odd Irish singer and conductor, and when the chorus was noticeably Irish instead of mostly from Eastern Europe. Now we have "Euro-Wexford", arristically directed by Luigi Ferrari of the Pesaro Rossini Festival, proudly boasting of its international casts recruited from Peru to Korea. It is in danger of becoming just another

One thing has not changed, and that is the wheel of fortune determining which of the three operas draws the shortest straw as regards performance standards. This year the best opera was the worstperformed, the worst opera the best-performed, and the indifferent one was a right curate's omelette.

Parisina is middle-period Donizetti (1833), based on Byron and sombre in colour. The melancholy soprano heroine is married to a pathologically jealous Duke of Ferrara (baritone); unwisely she talks in her sleep, betraying her chaste affection for the tenor, whom the Duke murders despite discovering that he is his own son from a former marriage. Most of it is top-drawer Donizetti: a powerful post-sleep-talking hate duet, a chastely romantic love duet, a

FOR many members of the

audience it was indeed - to

paraphrase Dylan Thomas.

vhose *October* poem Gra

ham Johnson quoted at the

start of the evening - their

"thirtieth year to heaven".

Thirty years spent glimps-

ing it thanks to the vision,



Donizetti's Parisina: an opera that deserves a better production than Wexford managed to give it

sumptuous quartet in the second finale, and much skilfully ser conversation and plot development within formal numbers. It certainly deserves revival.

And it certainly deserved a better performance. The conductor (Maurizio Benini) showed little sympathy for Donizetti's gently poetic idiom and simply bashed through the score; the soloists followed suit with singing so relentlessly loud that the management should have handed out earplugs at the door. The baritone Roberto Servile suggested how good he could have been with better guidance; the young soprano Monica Colonna

made a spirited attempt at a role written for an enormously experienced prima donna; the tenor shall remain nameless. There was no production to speak of.

Meyerbeer's L'Etoile du Nord (1854) is the most frightful tosh, and interminable with it (nearly four hours): a cynically manufactured opéra comique innocent of even rudimentary characterisation and wobbly of narrative (it is about an incognito Peter the Great and his

Richard Morrison's column returns next week future wife, the vivandière Catherine). Meyerbeer did nothing by halves: there are two, not one, coloratura sopranos, and one of them goes mad for no discernible reason to the accompaniment of not one, but two flutes. The few -- very few - decent bits of music were used by Constant Lambert in his

score for Ashton's Les Patineurs. Dammit, the piece was quite brilliantly performed. The young Russian conductor Vladimir Yurovsky coaxed crisply stylish playing from the National Symphony Orchestra, and the French producer Denis Krief brought enough Gallic zip to proceedings to make

the hours pass with minimal pain. Elizabeth Futral, star of Pesaro this year, delivered yards and yards of perfectly placed coloratura, and Darina Takova gamely followed suit. The Russian bass Vladimir Ognev was spectacularly miscast

Zdenek Fibich's Sarka (1897) is an odd one. The Czech composer (1850-1900) never quite made it as the third point in a potential Smetana-Dvorák triangie, and you can see why: the score is lateromantic by the yard, hideously competent but no more - the clinching musical idea, the longedfor "big tune" never quite materialise. The subject is mythico-heroic, the "Maidens' War" following the death of Libuse, matriarchal founder of the Czech nation. The plot is predictable: the fierce warrior-maiden Sarka falls for the MCP tenor, saves him from her bloodthirsty sisters in arms, and hurls herself over a precipice.

nga Levant's production, in unpleasing brutalist-modernist decor by Charles Edwards, was full of "ideas", but ideas are of little avail if a director has a shaky command of getting people on and off stage or finding something for them to do when they are there. This was theatre of embarrassment. But the conductor David Agler made as strong a case as possible for the score, and there was some sensational singing. The Bulgarian soprano Svetelina Vassileva (Sarka) is a discovery on the Gorchakova scale: beautiful, sword-like soprano tone allied to real musical sensibility. The Slovak mezzo Denisa Stepkovská was no less startling, and the Russian bassbaritone Anatoly Lochak, a great Wexford favourite, delivered streams of firm, warmly modulated sound as Přemsyl. Nobody could say that Fibich wasn't given the best possible chance, musically at



Bringing the house down

EVERY so often some politician blathers on about the need to adhere to a bundle of precepts labelled "Victorian values", revealing woeful historical ignorance of a society that elevated ignorance, small-mindedness and hypocrisy above understanding and tolerance. Consider how Victorians received the first productions of Ibsen's thrilling drama, now superbly revived in a production by Anthony Page.

This newspaper's critic located a "total lack of dramatic action" in the piece; other comments collected by Michael Meyer in his edition of the play include "morbid and unwholesome" (Standard), "pre-tentious inconclusiveness" (Observer). These people tied the blinkers of convention over their eves every bit as tightly as Nora and Torvald blinkered theirs, until Nora tore them off and walked out of the

doll's house of her marriage. The role of Nora requires the actress to be on stage for every moment of the first two acts, and for all but the opening scene of the third until she picks up her suitcase and departs, leaving her husband to brood for a moment till the street door slams downstairs and the curtain falls. For Janet McTeer this performance is a triumph of detailed and sustained perception. creating first the portrait of a twittering airhead, childishly proud of her clever secret; next, lancing this nonsense with shafts of terror on realising that the money she borrowed (to save her hus-band's life) involved her in a

criminal act; finally, the emergence

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A Doll's House Playhouse

of a woman determined to be herself instead of a plaything. At the beginning she hums merrily to herself, jigs up and down when excited and gives occasional squawks of embarrassment that Owen Teale's complacently patronising Torvald clearly finds adorable. He wouldn't want her any other way, and says so. McTeer constructs a defensive battery of hand gestures to ward off what Nora finds unpalatable, pushing back the long blonde little-girl hair that keeps falling forward, flicking impatiently at the air as though pestered by gnats. But these gnats are thoughts, her honest thoughts. and finally they settle upon her. Though the "By Christ!" she exclaims strikes one of the rare false notes in Frank McGuinness's version, her outbursts of rage, uttered in a voice half-choked with grief,

come straight from the heart. Next to me a woman was in tears. Page's finely balanced direction also brings a moving reconciliation between Gabrielle Lloyd's Kristine, Nora's schoolfriend, and Krogstad (Peter Gowen), the man who could destroy her. With John Carlisle playing Dr Rank, this production offers a celebration of fine acting in

a justly celebrated play. JEREMY KINGSTON

Glimpses of heaven

gramme, he expressed surprise that Felicity Lott, Ian Bostridge, Matthias Görne, Robin Blaze and Graham Johnson should all be free.

imagination and dedication of the Wigmore Hall's direc-Nordic and Russian tor, William Lyne. songs were omitted in fa-This was a celebratory vour of those closest to evening of Lyne's favourite Lyne's heart: Schubert, Britsongs, performed by some of his favourite musicians. ten. Mahler and Wolf and the French melodistes. In a characteristically mod-From the inevitable An die Musik (Lott), the Olympian est preface to the pro-

CONCERT

torch was passed to tenor Ian Bostridge for an eloquent glimpse of Die Götter Griechenlands, Schiller's mourning for beauty.

Gome, an outstanding baritone, sang Schubert's setting of Goethe's poem to the moon, with all the deep inwardness that characterWilliam Lyne 30th Anniversary Wigmore Hall

ises it. Then back to Bostridge with Schubert's last song. Die Taubenpost. its yearning touched as if brushed by a single feather. The counter-tenor Blaze

joined Bostridge for a clean, lithe performance of Britten's canticle Abraham and Isaac. And then Mahler: three Rückert songs by Görne, poised between the spirit and the body as Görne's voice and Johnson's fingers created a perfectly controlled continu-

um of musical existence. The francophilia of Lott and Bostridge was given

Swing) by Lisa Lehmann, and of Hilaire Belloc (The Early Morning) by Graham Peel. To paraphrase Thomas once again, may William Lyne's heart's truth still be sung on this high hill in

free rein in songs by Faure,

Hahn, Chabrier and Pou-

lenc. Görne returned for

Hugo Wolf and a wonderful

ly hushed Anakreons Grab.

innocence: settings of Rob-

ert Louis Stevenson (The

Encores included songs of

another 30 years' turning. HILARY FINCH

DANCE: Debra Craine sees Javier De Frutos and Jonathan Burrows at the Umbrella festival

De Frutos's choreography is

a caustic response to the score's showbiz determ-

ination. While Styne and Sondheim launch into confi-

dence overdrive. De Frutos's

body language is whipping up

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Naked into the world

JAVIER DE FRUTOS is an internationalist. Born in Venezuela, he trained in London. performed in New York, made dances in Spain and finally

ended up back in London. The diverse influences of his career

Transatlantic is inspired by have found their way into the choreographer's experi-Transatlantic, the nude solo ences in America. Like many before him. De Frutos is fascinated by the American which De Frutos brought to dream, that seductively opti-mistic self-belief so brashly Wed 6 November 7.45pm extolled in the score for Gypsy, his chosen music.

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Javier De Frutos: "extraordinary grace as a dancer"

to spring from a core of constraint and pain. De Frutos's naked muscular frame and fierce facial dedistillusioned Rose - finally confronted with the self-de-struction lurking in the wings. There is nothing remotely meanour are intimidating at first, until his extraordinary grace as a dancer kicks in. But effusive about Jonathan Burthe awkward hesitancy of the choreography, and the inherrows. His Dance Umbrella offering, The Stop Quartet (performed at Riverside Stuent sadness behind its emotional rush, signal that dios), is resolutely rigorous. The choreography, which however much he wants to buy into the myth, De Frutos

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gradually builds to encompass four dancers (including Burrows himself), is meticulous to the point of obsession. set between the layers of Kevin Volans's minimalist piano and Michael Hulls's patchwork lighting. For Burrows, the process of getting there is more interesting than actually being there. And he constructs such pernickety detail that he reminds us of one of those annoying people who go around straightening the ashtrays in other people's homes.





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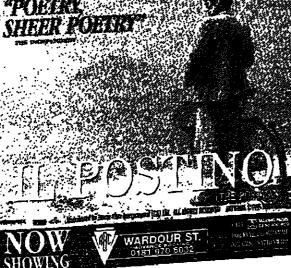


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After a year in the West End. Il Postino is the second most successful foreign language film in UK cinema history.

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A year after the assassination of Israel's Prime Minister, Amos Oz considers who should bear the real responsibility

ertainly, not the Israeli right wing. Not the Likud party, nor the West Bank settlers, nor the Orthodox Jewish community, nor the Hawks. But it was indeed from parts of those quarters that we heard the hateful voices towards Rabin, while some of their leaders - who could have tarned the anti-Rabin incitement - preferred to fuel it. And now, their much-needed soul-searching has apparently been postponed: they

seem to have more urgent business. Actually, many of these leaders have one and only one piece of business, namely the idea of a "Greater Israel". For the sake of this idea, some of them have been painting peace in the colours of disaster and turning the public debate surrounding peace into a hunt for traitors. But no. these are not the people who murdered Rabin. These are a very devout group of people.

The vast majority of the population in Israel is willing, with certain provisions, to make a historical compromise with the Palestinians

So who did kill Yitzhak Rabin?

and to partition the country into two national homelands. With this in mind, some of the intransigents of the "Greater Israel" ideology are donning a different cap nowadays. They are pretending to be the guardians of Israel's security and the vigilantes of Palestinian violations of the Oslo accords. Yet it is common knowledge that even had the Oslo accords bestowed heavenly peace on Israel, with not so much as a single Palestinian violation. nor a single Israeli casualty, those same people would still be preaching that there is no reason for us to make any concessions at all to the Palestinians.

For several months this year, between April and September. there were indeed very few violations of the agreements on the part of the Palestinians, and these resulted in only a small number of Israeli casualties. Full of hubris, tombs of the Patriarchs. They may

green light for opening the controversial tunnel in Jerusalem, for putting off redeployment in Hebron and for increasing Jewish settlements on the West Bank. The hawkish logic behind this is: when all's caim on the Palestinian front, why give them anything at all? Why not take from them, acre by acre, land which is still theirs?

For 30 years, fundamentalist elements within the hawkish side of the Israeli spectrum have been reducing all of Judaism into a rite of Holy Places. A choir of fiery rabbis, who have never bothered to unter a single note of Jewish morality about society's starving and homeless, its battered women. its justice or injustice, its compassion - these rabbis have condensed all of Jewishness into the holy

that same group of devout people well be responsible for alienating interpreted this relative calm as a entire generation of Israelis from their own Jewishness, but they are not guilty of killing Rabin: they are very devout people.

Of course, only the murderer himself and his accomplices are guilty of slaying Rabin. No one else. Still, the inspiration for the murder may well have sprung from the shrine in Kiryal Arba. erected in memory of another Jewish murderer, Baruch Goldstein, who died in the course of murdering 30 Arab worshippers. and who has become the hero of an ultra-nationalistic religious sect. This sect worships Goldstein's memory and makes pilgrimages to his grave, where a monument has been erected. It would have been easy for Rabin's murderer to deduce that he, like Goldstein, would be elevated to martyrdom. That, by killing Rabin, he, too, would be promoted by some to sainthood "in the name of a Greater Israel".

No, the adherents of a "Greater Israel were not involved in Rabin's death: they are, after all, a very devout group of people. Nevertheless, some of them are responsible for spreading the monstrous notion that all the means are sanctified if the end is a "Greater Israel". An end which justifies all means is not an end but a vicious obsession. And this particular obsession still hovers above the monument of the murderer from Hebron, as well as some other places where people are being taught that for the Holy sake of a "Greater Israel", anything goes. There it stands, this outrageous shrine, every day, every hour, attracting worshippers and pilgrims alike - a ratification of Rabin's assassination and an incitement for more spilling of innocent blood. The Goldstein cult must

be outlawed, with no further delay. Had all the Torah sages, all the Jewish clergy, all the rabbis, stood as one immediately after Goldstein's massacre of innocent Arabs in Hebron to excommunicate and exorcise the Goldstein cult, to erase his name and his memory -Yitzhak Rabin might still have been with us today.

Goldstein, the target of religious damnation and furious excommunication. This happened, perhaps, because some of the very devout group of people are more devoted to a "Greater Israel" than they are to the Sixth Command-

las, several rabbis seem to

have made Rabin, not

A year has passed since Rabin died. We all mourned him, then we all returned to our day-to-day lives. convinced that Rabin had given his

life for peace. We were wrong: Rabin died in the battle over the question of who we are and what this nation really is all about.

In previous generations, it true, holy tombs in the Land of Israel were conceived of as symbol. ic segments of the Jewish sense of identity. Maybe there will come a day when they will be considered so once more. But for now, Jewish fundamentalists have managed to turn those sepulchres from a symbol of identity into a dark threat to our collective identity. Eagerly waving flags over ancient tombs these people do not hesitate to cause the need for fresh graves to be dug.

Yitzhak Rabin died because he turned his back - and ours - on tombs. He opted for life in line with the Torah, which commands us always to choose life. Let us not sanctify Rabin's memory, or his grave. Rather, let us sanctify life and justice and freedom and reason and realism: For it is for these values that Rabin lived and died. Amos Oz's latest novel, Don't Call It Night is published by Vintage.

Conservative and caring

Tunku Varadarajan defends Opus

Dei, the reviled Roman Catholic lay order

Opus Dei

aims for

excellence

intolerant tribe. Its members no longer lynch priests, of course, but if you wear the wrong sort of war-paint, or think the wrong sorts of thoughts, they will froth at the mouth and hurl imprecations at you. Anything fractionally to the right of centre is dismissed as facha, the tribe's argot for "fascist", and "conservative" is for them a dirty word.

Imagine, then, the rage that Opus Dei provokes on the Left, especially at a time when the order boasts three ministers in the present conservative Spanish Cabinet, as well as the President of the Cortes. This Roman Catholic lay order, founded in 1928 by the recently beatified José Maria Escrivá de Balaguer, is openly reviled. "Oh, he's from Opus." is the routine dismissal provoked by

the mere mention of a politician, or an academic. or a writer, who belongs to the order. even in Spaniards who profess to be liberal.

This sneering tone is faithfully reflected in a new book on Opus Dei, just published in Madrid, its author, Jesús Ynfante, is an old Opus-

baiter, and once more attempts to llo was too wily for that, preferring. perpetuate canards about the order; that it is a sect which brainwashes the young, that its members pursue a blind personality cult, that it is power-hungry. that it is "fascist" and seeks to effect a right-wing takeover of the Roman Catholic Church, that it is an unsavoury "freemasonry", that its founder was a vain charlatan.

I think that it is time to hit these myths on the head and stand up for Opus Dei. (Being a Hindu, I am, of course, not a member.) The roots of Spanish suspicion lie in the order's role under General Franco. Here, too, some tidying up is first needed. The order had no truck with the fascists. It is often forgotten that the Falangist press sniped at Opus Dei throughout the 1960s, to the order's great discomfort.

Opus Dei never was, nor is it now, a political party or pressure group. But unlike the Jesuits, Dominicans. Franciscans and others, its members have never been supposed to withdraw from the world. On the contrary, the order teaches members to take an interest in material welfare, to tackle society's problems and solve them. As Brian Crozier wrote in his notable book on Franco: "Onus Dei teaches an un-Spanish philosophy of success, offering the puritanical alternative of hard work in place of the passive acceptance of God's will which has often relieved pious Spaniards from the urge to toil."

It was this "Protestantism" that

n Spain the Left is still an has always aroused the suspicion of many Spaniards - and not just on the Left. In addition, Opus Dei is always accused of secrecy. If the order was somewhat secretive under Franco, it must be remembered that those were hardly times of candour in politics.

In any case, this reputation is exaggerated. They are listed in the telephone directory, and everyone in Spain knows which schools belong to Opus Dei, which university, which bankers, which journalists and academics, which

politicians. The unfounded charge that Opus Dei is in pursuit of political power stems largely from the role the order played in restructuring the Spanish economy after 1957, when they appeared to corner the ministerial market after Franco's inspired Cabinet reshuffle. However.

as has been pointed out by Laureano López Rodo, one of the pillars of the technocratic reforms that rescued Spain from intellectual the stagnation of "autarky" and placed her firmly on the path of Western-style prosperity, in a land of Franco's Governments mediocrity were never dominated

by Opus Dei. The Caudiinstead, to divide and rule. In any case, he did not recruit ministers because they were members of Opus Dei: he did so because of their intellectual merits and their proto-

Thatcherite" economic views.

It would be facile to describe their presence in Franco's Cabinet as an open endorsement of his dictatorship. They would, quite simply, not have been in the Government had Franco not elected the path of economic reform. Opus Dei chose to regard the period as one in which Spain could concentrate on the creation of a prosperous and efficient economy, and with that, a stable society. Of course, they were not as assiduous as some other groups in distancing themselves from Franco, but then Opus Dei has never claimed to be anything other than conservative. As a devout Roman Catholic order, it had love neither for Communism nor nostalgia for the Spanish

Second Republic. Part of the problem lies in a complex culture clash: Opus Dei is a proselytising outfit in a country where assertiveness has always been shunned. It cultivates intellectual excellence in a land which has generally been content with mediocrity. It seeks to revive core Christian values in a society which has surrendered itself to agnosticism and spiritual emptiness. The order and its members deserve respect, not opprobrium. Most of all, they deserve a fair hearing.

A chance to touch eternity

The full majesty of trees will be

enjoyed by generations and

communities unimaginable to us

homas Pakenham hugs trees. Before a big storm he goes out, puts his arms round his favourite beeches, measures them one more time and wishes them luck. Storms are the natural predators of trees. Pakenham feels they are entitled to our respect and, in moments of stress, our embrace.

To escape life's turmoil, some contemplate the glory of birds, some nose around old churches, some find serenity in an English garden. Pakenham's solace is trees. They are to him what they were to the ancients, temples to his ancestors and objects of mystic wonder. In Meetings with Remarkable Trees he tracks down his 60 best specimens across the British Isles. They are all old. Indeed his book is a celebration of age. His camera caresses the wrinkles, ridges, carbuncles and contorted limbs of his loved ones. This is not a book of saplings. These are the titans, the survivors, the House of Lords of the

I once hated trees. Brought up to avoid the Wild Woods of Badger and Bilbo, as a boy I watched the Forestry Commission hurl conifer

triffid spruces killed heather and streams and obliterated footpaths and views. They marched on, ignorant of contour and horizon. No refinery or chemical works could have done more

ecological damage. The pestilential organisation, renamed "Forest Enterprise" to cleanse its name, marches yet across the landscape. What pollution has been wrought in the name of the Great God Tree!

Pakenham calms me down. Not for him the tourist trees, the King Charles oaks and flowering cherries. His are the solitary grandees of field and forest. His eye invests them with extraordinary character. When I first encountered the giant "Majesty" oak at Fredville in Kent I thought it ugly, a monster stump with elephantiasis. Its girth of 40 feet makes it the thickest tree in Britain. Yet to Pakenham it has The scale of a mammoth with the grace of a monarch". He points out that it both tapers and towers, and

the crown is still full. He is right. Even that old Methuselah, the Bowthorpe oak in Lincolnshire, with room for 20 to dine inside, may look like a battered helmet with sprouting plume. But thousands have worshipped at this shrine. Into its bark the youth of centuries has carved its love, confident that age cannot wither nor custom stale the names thus joined in passion. Some of the graffiti date back to the 18th century.

After the oaks come the evergreens. We stand in awe before the Great Fir of Dunkeld, at 212 feet the highest tree in Britain. It is only a century old: its Oregon cousins can last three centuries and rise to 300 feet. We track down the fragments of Caledonian forest at Rothiemurchus. Here Scots pines, splayfooted among the juniper, are to be saved from the deer by the reintroduction of wolves. We even encounter that rare thing, a sitka spruce allowed to grow to maturity, at Scone arboretum. Normally, says Pakenham, these are pushy, spiky, ill-tempered brutes with blue-green needles apparently made of barbed wire. Small wonder they are so beloved of Whitehall and the Inland Revenue.

Next come the mighty Redwoods. the tallest in England in a grove at Whitfield in Herefordshire. These massive beasts, 30 tons of solid wood, are still growing. They are less than half the height of their equivalents in California and may yet outstrip them. In the early sun. they still "give a sniff of the Pacific" acid at the face of Snowdonia. Its to the soft air of the Welsh

Marches. Redcentury landscape gardeners. When the botanist William Lobb discovered a variant, the huge sequoiadendron giganteum, in California in 1853,

he grabbed as many seeds as he could cram into his pockets and took the first ship back to England. The Wellingtonia, as it was dubbed, was and remains the largest living organism on earth.

Pakenham has a soft spot for the

yew, the English baobab, the

sacred tree of pagan and early Christian alike. Yews were grown in churchyards as the only ever-green with branches suitable for the Palm Sunday procession. Yews are still called palms in some parts of Britain. To most, the yew is a dark shadow across a lawn. Even the summer sun, wrote Tennyson, could not gentle the yew, or "touch thy thousand years of gloom". Yet Pakenham enthuses over the 50 churchyard yews of more than 30 feet round. He selects for special praise those at Tandridge, Surrey, and Much Marcle, Herefordshire. The latter is certainly a tree grown lovable with girth and age, a Falstaff among yews. And he watches over that masterpiece of English gothic the effigy of Blanche Mortimer inside the adjacent church.



The 109ft Tullynally oak, on the Pakenham estate in the Irish Republic, planted seven generations ago

In an impressive work of detec-tion, Pakenham identifies three of Wordsworth's four Lake District yews, including that at Lorton, "of vast circumference and gloom profound... Of form and aspect too magnificent/ To be destroyed." And he pays his respects to what was probably the oldest tree in England, Gilbert White's yew at Selbourne. After some 1,400 years it fell in a gale in 1990. Mortified, the parishioners propped it up and prayed for its survival. It pushed out a pathetic suckling, as if to say goodbye, and died. It stands today as a stump, in memoriam to the

great man. If I have any quibble with Pakenham's choices, he seems over-fascinated by crabbed age at the expense of living splendour. The cedar, sentinel of the English parkland, is represented by sad amputees from the Great Storm of 87. His only chestnut is at Tortworth, less a tree than a monstrous Rorschach blot. I also miss the starburst of a Samuel Palmer "magic apple". Lastly we should not have to trek to Bryanston to see that most monumental of Engish hardwoods, the common plane. This is the townsman's tree, green engineering, the Londoner's umbrella and air filter in one. Picture it surely in Berkeley Souare.

Pakenham is at his best with the beeches. This is the tree of his Irish estate. It is nature as architecture, strong in form and delicate in detail. "Its trunk rises like a tower of smooth grey stone; its branches fall like the spray of a fountain." At this time of year, the beach is yielding its most glorious fruit. We can wander the Chilterns and see gold leaf fluttering from the sky. laying a gilded carpet on the ground. More than the battered oak, the beech is surely the patron tree of England.

liver Rackham, in his History of Landscape. points out that trees are the natural covering in temperate climates. When we are dead and gone, trees, not scrub or grass, will recolonise the land. Come the day, Pakenham even puts his money on the common birch, to seize its chance and walk first down the streets of Edinburgh". The clearing of the wildwoods of

leading and newly married British

Britain with primitive flint and iron' tools, says Rackham, remains the most astonishing engineering feat of any age. Even with modern saws, it took the early settlers a century and a half to clear New England for farming. In the last century, the woods have returned. With set-aside they will return also to Britain.

The message of this book is that our woodlands are now a giant arboretum. We know what we have, and we know how to manage it. But in the greatest trees, in Pakenham's patriarchs, we have organisms, things that are more than wood, leaves and oxygen. Many of the specimens planted over the past two centuries are still in their childhood. Their full majesty will be enjoyed not by our children or grandchildren, but by generations and communities un-known and unimaginable to us. Guarding a great tree is a gesture of futurity. It is the nearest we get to touching elernity.

There is no optimism to match that of the true woodman. Meetings with Remarkable Trees: published by Weidenfeld and Nichol-son at £25.

Odd couple

JOHN Humphrys, the BBC presenter, and Cristina Odone, former editor of the Catholic Herald, who are already very close in private. nearly found themselves in a more visible professional partnership recently. Earlier this month, Miss



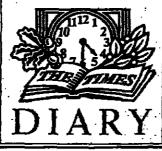
"You won't get life for a first offence"

Odone. 35, darling of the media's liver-spot and claret brigade — Paul Johnson, Auberon Waugh etc - was put up to host On the Record, the BBC's Sunday lunchtime discussion programme, along-side her good friend Humphrys.

The opportunity arose when it was decided that every four weeks. the programme would be split in half, the first half featuring domestic politics, the second tackling Europe. Humphrys would contin-ue to host the domestic half, while a a new face was needed for Europe.

We discussed the possibility of Cristina being involved with the programme," said the BBC, "but her agent said she had too many other commitments so she couldn't do it." "Frankly it all became a bit emharrassing." said an insider. With all eyes on how Odone and Humphrys interact. On The Record might have turned into a high brow Richard and Judy."

 More bad news for lan Greer. lobbvist, whose weakness for purple woollens and political favour-mon-



gering have landed him in trouble recently. The Pakistani Foreign Office is weighing up whether or not to retain his services. He currently works on their behalf in this country." I am not aware of this." said Greer when told the grim news, but he sounded a different man from the bushy tailed lobbyist of the past.

Last call

MARK Tully made a nostalgic return to the BBC World Service yesterday to host the last edition of South Asia Report. The show is to be pulled, against the vehement protests of the Indian High Commission, after 20 years and hundreds of Tully contributions. Tully, who had represented the BBC in India for more than two decades until 1994, left the corporation in disgust at the changes wrought by its director general, John Birt. Still a broadcasting legend in the sub-Continent, however, he has not been short of work, According to my source at the BBC, "Mark did this programme not only for sentimental reasons but also to show the BBC what it will lose if it cuts back the World Service.

Pens down

WHEN commissioned to write his first novel, it was hardly to be expected that Ethan Hawke, goateed star of Dead Poets Society, Alive and prime mover in what is known as the Slack Pack of young Hollywood actors, would turn out to be Tolstoy. But neither did anyone think him quite such a self-parody as to produce The Hottest State, which he is now promoting.

The book tells of love troubles among twentysomethings. The hero is William, his lover is Sarah. The two live in Manhattan, smoke, drink and loaf around with their

washed out friends, reading the work of the Beat poets to each other. A brief snatch of the Hawke style. William is narrating: "When I arrived at the bar she was sitting atone, smoking, looking depressed. That made me happy." Fortunately, Hawke, 25, still has his film work, and has just finished making Great Expectations with Gwyneth

 Tremendous excitement in Madrid this week at a talk given by the



vision show Hablemos del Sexo -Let's talk about Sex. Miss Manners

transfixed Spain with her tele-

CRUISING gently round Caven-dish square the other day, a friend felt a bump on the back of his car. He gripped the leather-trimmed steering wheel and turned his eyes up to the rearview mirror prepared for a fight. Instead, his road rage melted away like spring snow. There, in the car behind him, was the richly pregnant figure of Jemima Khan, hand over her mouth in

As they stepped out of their cars to exchange insurance details and addresses. Mrs Khan could not have been more apologetic. Though my friend's week had already been given a ReadyBrek



Mrs Khan: crrrrunch

glow by the encounter, two days later he received a letter from Mrs. Khan with yet more apologies. A am a terrible driver," she explained, "and always crashing into people." Her first child is due imminently.

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PRINCE AND PEOPLE

The Crown sets an example in supporting civil society

Since its publication in The Times on Monday Frances Lawrence's moving and eloquent manifesto for civic renewal has dominated public debate. Politicians have rushed to appropriate her insights as their own and stitched her heartfelt pleas into their platform rhetoric. Beyond Westminster, the inchoate sense that civil society needed refurbishment has found vigorous expression in her words. Individuals and voluntary groups have rallied to her side and now the Prince of Wales has intervened by drawing attention to the disabling effect of youth unemployment on the nation's life. The Prince is better fitted than most to contribute to the debate on how to sustain and nurture civic virtues. His commitment to practical help for the excluded young long edates the recently acquired concerns of some politicians and he deserves support.

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The Crown rests at the apex of civil society, what the historian Frank Prochaska has called the "commonwealth of citizenship outside the State". Even as politicians have allowed the size and pretensions of the State to increase, even as they have yielded to the clamour for rights without duties, even as individuals have found new incentives to retreat behind their privets, voluntary endeavour and charity work have proved surprisingly resilient. And the spirit of voluntarism has found its champion in an institution whose existence depends on its detachment from politics — the monarchy.

The Crown has, through all the upheavals of recent years, continued to provide a philanthropic example. The Prince of Wales and Princess Royal attend more than 400 charitable engagements in an average year. The Prince's Trust has in the twenty years of its existence helped provide employment to thousands and hope to more. Its efforts have been directed in particular at the inner cities and towards ethnic minorities, providing apportunities for individuals who feel neected by politics. The Prince's Trust should

not be caricatured as simply a means of distributing bounty from the gracious to the needy — it has equipped young people with skills and imbued them with a spirit of enterprise which gives them independence and a chance to contribute.

The Prince's announcement yesterday of the scheme's expansion and his appeal to businessmen to join him in a "millennium crusade" against youth unemployment are both welcome. With 600,000 people under 25 out of work, the scale of thwarted potential and the misery of lives impoverished. demands a response. It is not the first occasion on which an heir to the throne has drawn attention to the waste of men who wish to work lying idle. In 1932 the then Prince of Wales made a speech on social service which resulted in the creation of 2,300 self-help and charitable projects to help the unemployed. It is to be hoped that Prince Charles's speech can stimulate a similarly energetic response.

The level of youth unemployment should be a concern for any government, but the capacity of government to intervene for the better is limited. The State cannot create wealth, only spend it. Any job government creates depends on making commerce less competitive and depriving industry of its capacity to grow. A voluntary effort to help individuals to develop and exploit their talents is the most effective way of guiding them into fulfilling jobs and building a society which is in the Prince's own words,

"cohesive, tolerant and understanding". In the Queen's Christmas Broadcast of 1991 Her Majesty argued that "democracy depends, not on political structures, but on the goodwill and the sense of responsibility of each citizen". Her son's work provides a channel, outside political structures, for directing goodwill and a means of fostering responsibility. In the campaign to strengthen civic bonds the Prince is an appropriate champion.

GENE DETECTIVES

Whodunnits on science's new frontier

The spectacle of a scientist crying "Eureka, we have mapped a eukaryote!" is unlikely to set the world's pulse racing. But from time to time we can pick from the proliferating rush of new scientific data a project which clearly promises a new understanding so wide and potentially valuable that its progress is worth marking and celebrating. Biologists. linked by a maze of electronic pathways from Tokyo to Tampa, are approaching the 21st century with barely concealed Down the Internet links stream packages of gene-sequencing data which, when combined and refined, are making slow sense of the map of human genes. Well before they have the answer, molecular geneticists sense that they hold the key to a down which will open fields of exploration which even they can barely imagine.

The genome project, designed to map the entire set of human genes, comprises one of the most elaborate multi-national research efforts ever networked. This year has seen one variety of yeast mapped and this weekend a consortium of 104 scientists have put a map of 16,000 human genes on the Internet. They hope that the total will rise to 50,000 - or around half the total - during next year. Pictures of the innermost mechanics of existence are coming into focus. In the words of a scientist involved in mapping the DNA blueprint for a rare microbe found two miles deep in the Pacific, cracking the code is like opening a new porthole on Earth and discovering a new view of the Universe.

Those unaccustomed to decrypting genetic code are denied the pleasure of peering through the porthole, but can enjoy the benefits of discoveries made by those who do. Since much debate about genetics is dominated by fears of "bio-engineering", mutant mice and memories of Nazi horrors. the benefits of gene-mapping are worth

genetic information can be put may obscure a simple but priceless benefit. Biologists predicted that genetics would revolutionise medical science and so it has proved. With less than a quarter of the genome mapped, important breakthroughs have already occurred in investigations into Abheimer's disease, colon cancer and cystic fibrosis. Those are merely examples of "smoking gun" discoveries where evidence of genetic predisposition leapt out from the sequence. Geneticists talk enthusiastically of systematically "interrogating suspects" in order to track down the more elusive causes of other illnesses.

moonshot. But those landmarks exploited knowledge; gene-mapping creates vast new areas of knowledge which can then be exploited for good or bad. Some suggest that the genetic mapmakers are to be compared to the explorers who criss-crossed the Earth's surface in the 16th century. But the best comparison is to a lesser-known but still seminal achievement, the 19th century establishment of the periodic table. Dmitry Mendeleyev's discovery that chemical elements show periodic recurrent properties when arranged in a certain order also took many decades to refine, opened myriad new avenues in chemistry and is still in use today. So it will be with genetic maps.

GAELIC SOAP

An aerial battle in Ireland

The state of the s

As every stamp-collector knows, one of the first acts of the Government of the newlyformed Irish Free State was to overprint all stamps in Gaelic and change the official name of the country and the capital. Gaelic was embraced as the living witness of the new nation's separate history, culture and identity. For years no civil servant could work for the Irish Government without proven knowledge of the language. Huge sums were spent in an attempt to revive a tongue that famine, emigration and English hegemony had reduced by 1911 to a mere 17 per cent of the population.

Gaelic, however, has not died. Indeed it has seen a remarkable revival. The designated Gaeltacht has shrunk to the western fringes of Connaught and some of its offshore islands; in only a handful of villages is Gaelic heard in shops and pubs. Yet almost a third of modern Ireland's population now claims an acquaintance with the language, even if not as a mother tongue. Night-classes are booming and the urban young are enthusiastic speakers. As ever, language and politics go together; Gaelic has been embraced with fervour in republican West Belfast. Indeed, it has been said that the "jailtacht" rather than the Gaeltacht was the real cradle of today's revival.

Gaelic has now arrived on the small screen. For over four hours a day a Galway

news, dramas, culture, soap-operas, quizzes and comedy in the language. Consuming an annual subsidy of £15 million, the likely size of the audience will probably make Teilifis na Gaelige one of the most expensive

Blarney is perhaps too dismissive a word for these hopes. But even if the world's Irish rally to the studios, the chances of an indepth Gaelic Panorama breaking news on the Afghan civil war or making "Ruairi Bremner, Cé Eile (Who else)?" a comedy hit are slim. Local issues are the stuff of local languages: those who have studied Eskimo dialects say their conversation is largely confined to the state of the ice or the weather. Can we expect much beyond hurling scores. fishing records and the date when the sun last appeared on Gaelic quizz shows?

Television, however, is undoubtedly the key to any revival. No language that cannot compete with Neighbours will ever be the medium of teenage gossip; if Ireland wants to nourish its cultural heritage, it must begin with couch potatoes.

rehearsing. The maps are the basic tools on which all further progress depends. So pivotal is each new sequence, or fragment of a sequence, that scientists are locked in arguments about whether research institutes should download their latest data on to the Internet each night or wait a little longer to have it checked. The wealth and variety of uses to which

Genetic inquiry has been compared in significance to the Manhattan Project to build the atomic bomb, or the first

television station is to broadcast a mixture of broadcasting operations ever attempted. Opponents are denouncing it as a white elephant, and say the money would better be spent in schools. Supporters claim that it will outshine the successful Welsh language channel, S4C, and Ros na Run, its promised Irish soap, will attract 300,000 viewers.

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From Mr Richard Spring, MP for Bury St Edmunds (Conservative)

Sir, In retrospect, the Maastricht treaty left out one crucial and explicit con-vergence criterion — a defined level of unemployment. EU member states are moving towards a single currency without effectively tackling the clear inability of European economies to

The impediments to this spring from over-generous employee rights and artificial barriers like the minimum wage. With continuing economic stagnation on the Continent, the risks of social disorder grow alarm-

fronically, therefore, we may well see a single currency depreciating to offset the lack of competitiveness, and to counter unemployment. This would solve nothing unless issues like a flexible labour regime and efficient em-ployment marketplace are fundamentally addressed.

None of this is in Britain's interests. That is why the Governor of the Bank of England is so right to exhort the UK to meet the convergence criteria, even if the ultimate decision is to opt out (report, Business, October 21). It is also a vindication of the Prime Minister's determination to be involved in the single currency negotiation process. He must be positioned to harnmer home the inescapable necessity for supply-side reforms, which have been carried out in the United Kingdom with such obvious comparative

Yours faithfully, RICHARD SPRING. House of Commons. October 22

From Mr Tam Large

Sir, Your editorial of October 21, "A question of questions", held that it is now too late for a referendum on the Maastricht treaty. However, the referendum on continued membership of the EEC in 1975 was held two years after the Government had signed up.

The constitutional changes inherent in the Maastricht agreement are far more radical than the common market trading arrangement which the public was told it was considering in 1975. It is now even more imperative that the full issues of European integration are dealt with once and for all, by putting them to the British people in a referendum.

TAM LARGE (Referendum Party for Mid Sussex), Captains House, Streat, Hassocks, Sussex.

October 23.

From Mr Glenmore Trenear-Harvey Sir. The only logical position for the Referendum Party is to back the Conservatives and hope that Major gets a large enough majority to examine vigorously all the questions Europe raises", argues Mr K. A. Gottlieb (letter, October 22). His logic strikes me as

If John Major were, in the remaining months of his government, to commit to a referendum now and allow the British public to decide on the issue of future sovereignty, I would promptly desert the Referendum Party's "rabble army"

The battle would have been avoided, with my honour - and Mr Major's majority - remaining intact I have the honour to be, Sir,

your obedient servant. GLENMORE TRENEAR-HARVEY, 6 Marlborough, 6l Walton Street, SW3. October 22

From Mr Martin Ball

Sir, At the Referendum Party Conference (report and leading article, October 21) James Goldsmith repeated his intention to disband the organisation once its objective is achieved. Yet will once its objective is achieved. Yet will that be the end of the road for pro-

Having identified the inadequacy of the current model of political representation to reflect the public mood on the issue of European integration. those favouring referendums should take their arguments to their logical conclusion: that there should be referendums on every aspect of how we are

governed.
Why not let the people decide individually on all issues of policy governing their lives?

Yours sincerely. MARTIN BALL 17 Haverfield Road, Bow, E3. October 21.

Sperm donation

From Dr B. Brend

Sir, If a woman were impregnated with the sperm of her dead husband (letters, October 24) and had a child, would the husband be considered to have died without issue for purpose. have died without issue for purposes of inheritance? Yours faithfully.

BARBARA BREND. Crown Lodge, 148 Haverstock Hill, NW3, October 24.

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Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046.

Legacy of flaws in Bishops' guidance on social policy From the Bishop of Leeds tality — if conditions change and in-fant mortality drops, wages will fall until infant mortality rises again to its

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Smith does not deplore this state of

affairs or suggest alternative ways of

organising our affairs; instead he in-

veighs against the relics of medieval

anempts to achieve a living wage,

such as guilds and apprenticeships. Rees-Mogg says that bishops have a

duty to protest against abortion: if they were to read the Wealth of Na-

tions how much more would they

have reason and duty to protest

Whatever the virtues of a free mar-ket according to Smith, they certainly

did not include maximising human

welfare or even the survival of babies. The Wealth of Nations is the last book

one should recommend to bishops to

persuade them against a minimum

wage and for free markets, for it is

17 Testard Road, Guildford, Surrey.

Sir. Lord Rees-Mogg has a problem.

He is both a devout Christian and a

believer in the supremacy of market

forces. He is very exercised by The

Common Good published by the

Catholic bishops, and there may be

force in some of his arguments. What

he cannot hide, however, is the funda-

mental fact that the essential tenets of

Christianity are wholly inconsistent

with a political and economic philos-

ophy which leaves the fate of dis-

Socialism and corporatism have

their faults, but they recognise the

Christian imperative to love thy

neighbour. This may take the form of

egalitarian social engineering or of

paternalistic regulation, but nothing

similar can be found in the theories so

Whatever the merits of the trickle

dear to the heart of Lord Rees-Mogg.

down" theory of wealth creation, or of

the view that all good things come

from vigorous competition, they have

nothing whatever to do with Christ-

Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL BRINDLE.

From Mr A. Connolly

ther than vice versa.

Yours faithfully,

A. CONNOLLY

October 22

41 Southfield Road

Orrell Park, Liverpool 9.

50 Argyll Road, Kensington, W8.

Sir, Surely it is Labour that is follow-

ing the teachings of the Church, ra-

tender mercies of the market.

From Mr Michael Brindle, QC

profoundly immoral.

Yours sincerely.

October 23.

D. J. DUNSTAN,

against Smithian economics!

Sir, William Rees-Mogg (Bishops or party pawns?". October 23) both mis-understands and misrepresents The Common Good.

It is not a list of detailed policy prescriptions. It is a presentation of the social teaching of the Catholic Church, drawn almost exclusively from the teaching of successive Popes. This teaching is a set of moral princi-ples intended to educate people's con-sciences, and it follows from the fact that Christian faith has an inescapable, if sometimes neglected, social dimension.

Rees-Mogg makes assertions and attributions about the document which are ill-founded, for instance on Europe, on bureaucracy, on subsidiarity and on a statutory minimum wage (which is not advocated but noted as one possible option). The document takes a balanced view of such institutions as the market, which could not be guessed from his selective quotations. He criticises the document quoramons. The criticises are abcument for holding views which I presume he dislikes, but which it does not contain.

He accuses the bishops of softening their attitude to abortion, when the right to life is in fact singled out as the leading issue discussed, and when it is described as "the one fundamental right" from which all others flow.

The document recognises that the general election is not a single-issue referendum, but asserts that Catholic electors will take account of the views of individual candidates. A candidate's views and track record on abortion may be so actively "pro-choice" that Catholic electors should not vote for that candidate, even if on other grounds they would wish to do so.

The Common Good highlights moral values in political and economic life, which are never value-free zones. It provides a rationale for discussing these matters systematically and seriously, without improper intrusion into party political contro-

Yours faithfully, †DAVID KONSTANT (Chairman, The Common Good working party). Bishop's House. 13 North Grange Road, Headingley, Leeds.

From Professor D. J. Dunstan

Sir, It was with some amusement that I saw Lord Rees-Mogg's advice to to concentrate on morality (October 23) and to read Adam Smith's Wealth of Nations to learn some elementary economics (October

Smith shows that the wages of most of the population will not be sufficient to support a couple and their children. Wages are controlled by infant mor-

Hospital age bar From the Medical Director of Hillingdon Hospital

Sir. Dr Stuttaford's reference (Medical briefing. October 16) to our "refu-sal to accept patients aged 75" is far too sweeping: as your brief report of October 15 made clear, we are refusing only those elderly patients who have been referred to us from other hospitals catchment areas. We had an open-door policy, but this has been overwhelmed by such referrals.

has been done here for two months and we have had to briefly close our

Social service difficulties mean that it is taking twice as long - 31 days on average - to get elderly patients discharged. No ordinary surgical work

casualty for the first time ever because we had no beds to put patients into. As winter comes this will get worse. We need to continue to work closely with our neighbouring hospitals and with social services, so that winter emergencies and people waiting for surgery can both be dealt with. Local over-75s and any emergency attendances are still being admitted.

I hope he, and his "appalled" patients, will be reassured by knowing the whole story.

Yours sincerely, PETER JAFFE, Medical Director, The Hillingdon Hospital, Pield Heath Road Uxbridge, Middlesex. October 16.

A woman's work

From Mr Kenneth Camsey

Sir. I should have written yesterday to thank Mr Andrew Hewson (letter, "A woman's work is almost done". October 18). However, after reading his en-lightening words I have been busy disconnecting and dismantling our washing machine, vacuum cleaner and refrigerator so that my wife's life can be fully enriched.

Given that our rural home is 12 miles from the nearest suitable shops for her (now) daily trips, I have also forbidden her the use of her car, ensuring her fitness as well as her fulfilment whilst exercising our pet labra-

Since she is, in addition, joint owner of our business, thereby contributing 50 per cent of our annual income and working 60 to 70 hours per week to ensure its continuing success, the mea-

sure of her grantude is in her allowing me to write this letter. Yours sincerely KENNETH CAMSEY.

Bracken House, High Row, Reeth, Richmond, North Yorkshire, From Mrs Carole Howman Sir. Would Andrew Hewson be kind

enough to put me in touch with a mechanised bed-maker, gardener, decorator, breadmaker, dogsbody and, most importantly, a robot chauffeuse for retrieving over the limit

Maybe I could then get back to architecture after 40 years. Yours faithfully.

CAROLE HOWMAN, Hillbrow, Church Green Great Wymondley, Hertfordshire.

Fiat's founder Out for a duck

From Mr Paul R. Jackson Sir, In your report on the engagement of Fiat heir Giovanni Agnelli (October 21) you stated that Signor Agnelli "is the nephew of Fiat patriarch and founder Gianni Agnelli"

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pany of late but he was not the found-

Yours faithfully, PAUL R. JACKSON,

208 Greenfield Crescent,

Horndean, Hampshire,

October 21

Gianni may have built up the com-

From Mr Neil Laing Sir. The traditional method of presir, the traditional method of pre-paring Bombay Duck (letters, Octo-ber 14, 23) requires one to catch a bummalo — a small fish, Harpodon founder Gianni Agnelli The Fabbrica Italiana Automobili nehereus, found off the coasts of Torino was founded in 1899 by Giosouthern Asia - and then dry it in the vanni's grandfather, also Giovanni, along with, among others, Count Ro-

Just as well, perhaps, that one of berto Biscaretti di Ruffia and Count your correspondents was told by his local Indian restaurant it was unable to prepare this for him. He might have had to wait quite a long time. We open a packet. Preparation time nil; smell minimal; taste delicious.

Yours faithfully, NEIL LAING. The Armoury Flat, Epsom College, Epsom, Surrey. October 23.

Don't do what we did with our dodo

From the Associate Curator (Mammals) and the Assistant Curator (Zoological Collections). Oxford University Museum

Sir, Prompted by the fate of some of the Eton College natural history collections (report and leading article. October 24), we would like to caution against equating the disposal of stuffed animals with the modernisation of museum displays.

Many successful museums still display stuffed animals and the proliferation of extremely popular "discovery rooms", of which the favourite exhibits are taxidermy-based, shows just how valuable these objects are.

Such material represents an important resource for education: no wildlife documentary can replace the ex-citement of touching the real object, as anyone who has seen a small child find out how heavy an elephant tooth is, or just how smooth the fur of an arctic fox feels, will know.

Indeed, this is recognised by the current curator at Eton, Dr David Smith, who intends to include taxidermy specimens of British animals in his new displays. Coming as we do from an institution which is often condemned for disposing of most of its stuffed dodo, leaving only the head and a foot, in an 18th-century attempt at modernisation, we know the risks inherent in the assumptions which you have made.

Collections such as those of Eton are a material reminder of our history. Our attitudes may have changed, but there are still lessons which can be drawn from the past.

advantaged members of society to the Their enthusiasm for nature may have been expressed in ways which we now see as reprehensible, but it is a sobering thought that these Eton students of 100 years ago probably had a more intimate understanding and experience of the natural world, and a greater enthusiasm for it, than their late 20th-century counterparts.

Yours sincerely. C. A. NORRIS. Associate Curator (Mammals), JANE PICKERING. ssistant Curator (Zoological Collections). Oxford University Museum, Parks Road, Oxford. October 24.

Second draw

From Dr Mark Griffiths

Sir, Your report today that plans have been confirmed for another weekly lottery draw requires comment. Addictions to gambling are more likely when there is a high event frequency (ie, continuous opportunities to gamble and receive the result of

that gamble quickly). Evidence to date does indeed suggest that the National Lottery as it stands now is unlikely to be addictive because of its comparatively low event frequency. Camelors intention appears to be the thin end of a wedge. In Spain.

here there is a lottery draw every day, the incidence of addictive gaming is high. It is not hard to imagine the same situation arising here.

Yours faithfully, MARK GRIFFITHS (Director, Gamblers Anonymous General Services Board). The Nottingham Trent University, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, Burton Street, Nottingham, October 23.

A four to remember

From Canon Mark Meynell

Sir, In your obituary of Jack Robert-son, the Middlesex and England cricketer (October 19), you recall the Lord's match between the Army and the RAF in 1944 when the flying bomb "cut out" over the ground. I was there and clearly remember the 15 white figures prostrate on the grass.

I have no recollection of any spectator, except this one, who lay in the dusty cement of the top floor of the pavilion. I was impressed with the speed with which all began again. It seemed that the noise of the explosion had not ceased to roll round the stands and the black mushroom of smoke still lay over St John's Wood church when the next ball was being

I remember the effortless grace with which Robertson dispatched it to the long leg boundary — where the Warner Stand is now, I am grateful to you, Sir, for the reminder of the occasion, and to Robertson for the memory of

that four, which made my day. Yours sincerely.
MARK MEYNELL. 2 Double Street, Framlingham, Woodbridge, Suffolk. October 22.

Matter of taste From Mr Alan Bird

Sir. I note that Channel 4 is to apologise for depicting scenes of sibling incest (report and photograph, October 25). Quite right too; this sort of filth

should be discouraged. Why can't Channel 4 follow BBC Radio 3's example and show something wholesome, such as Saturday's broadcast of Die Walkure?

Yours faithfully, ALAN BIRD, 3 Trinity Cottages, Richmond, Surrey, October 25

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 25: The Queen this morning isited Newbury to mark the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the granting of its Charter.

Her Majesty arrived at the Town Hall, was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Licutenant of the Royal County of Berkshire (Mr Philip Wroughton) and the Mayor of Newbury Town (Mr Garry Poulson), and viewed various Exhibitions connected with

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The Queen later visited the Mencap Centre and was received by the Chairman of the Royal Society for Mentally Handicapped Children and Adults (the Lord Rin) and the Chairman of Newbury Society for Men-tally Handicapped Children and Adults (Mr Patrick States)

Her Majesty this afternion opened the Sports Hall at Clere School. me sports Hall at Citere School.

Burghelen, and was received by Her
Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Hantoshire (Mrs Mary Fagan), the Chauman of Governors (Mr Peter High). the Head Teacher (Mrs Dorothy Thomson) and the Mayor of Basingstoke (Mr Thomas Garland). The Oueen toured the school and met the children.
The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon arrived at Royal Air Force

Northolt from Germany. The Lord Buxton was in

October 25: The Duke of York, Trustee, this evening attended a

Reception in aid of the Friends of the National Maritime Museum at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich. ST JAMES'S PALACE

October 25: The Prince of Wates this afternoon visited Harrogate and was received by Major General Henry Woods (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of North Yorkshire). His Royal Highness addressed the

Annual Conference of the Institute of Personnel and Development at the Harrogate International Centre. Prince of Wales afterwards toured the exhibition and met a

KENSINGTON PALACE October 25: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, this alternoon visited the Horder Centre for Arthritis at Crowborough, and opened the new Rehabilitation Garden for disabled patients.

Her Royal Highness was received y Mrs Phyllida Stewart-Roberts by Mrs Phytica Signal (Vice Lord-Licutenant of East Susset). October 25: The Duchess of Gloucester. Patron. Helen Arkell Dysteria Centre. this evening attended a reception to celebrate the Centre's Silver Jubilee, Frensham Heights, Farnhani, Surrey. YORK HOUSE

October 25: The Duke of Kent President, the Pootball Association, this morning received Sir Bert Millichip on his retirement as Chairman, and Lady Millichip.

Royal engagements

TODAY: Prince Edward, as Patron of the Classworks Theatre Cambridge, will attend a perfor-mance of Tales of the Arabian Nights at the Cambridge Drama Centre at 6.50; and will attend a dinner afterwards.

Memorial service Major-General P.G. Turpin

A memorial service for Major General Patrick George Turpir was held yesterday in the Catholic Garrison Church of St Michael and St George, Aldershot, Father K. Vasey and the Rev G. Petersen officiated. Mr Richard Turpin, son, read the lesson and Major-General P.F. Claxion gave an

Durham University

Former students of the University of Durham (including King's, Armstrong and Teacher Training Colleges) should have received the autumn edition (Nec 4) of Durham First the University of Durham's magazine. Anyone who has not done so is invited to contact the Development Office, Old Shire Hall, Durham, DHI 3HP, for despatch of a copy (or tel: 0191 374 4683).

Service dinners

HQ North
The Royal Navy and Royal Marines
Officers at Nato HQ North. Stavanger, Norway, held their annual
Trafalgar Night dinner last night.
Rear-Admiral R. Paus. Royal Norwegian Navy, and Mrs Paus were the guests of honour. Commander R.J. Butter presided.

Cambridge University Royal Naval Unit The Lord-Licatenant of Cambridge-shire attended a Trafalgar Night dinner of the Cambridge University Royal Naval Unit held last night at Detections Cambridge Regrand. erhouse. Cambridge. Rear-Admiral F.P. Scourse, Acting Controller of the Navy and Director-General Surface Ships, was the guest of honour. Lieutenant-Commander M.D. Mackenzie, Officer-in-Charge, presided. Professor Alex Broers, Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University. was the principal academic guest. The Royal Welch Fusiliers

R.M. Llewellyn.

Colonel of The Royal Welch Fusiliers, presided at the annual dinner of the Officers' Association held last night at the Army and Navy Club. 43rd Gorkha Lorried Brigade Lieutenant-Colonel J.P. Cross was the

principal guest at the 50th reunion dinner and annual meeting of the 43rd Gurkha Lorried Brigade held last night at the Royal Automobile Club. Captain Stanley Roberts, chair-

Weekend birthdays

TODAY: The Viscount of Arbuthnott, 72: Mr John Arden, playwright, b6: Mr Kevin Barron, MP, 50: Mr Ian Chapman, publisher, 71: Sir Percy Cradock, diplomat, 73: Mr Paul Daneman, actur. 7i: Professor W.A. Deer, former Vice-Chancellor, Cambridge University. 86: Mr Robert Edwards, former Editor. Sunday Mirror, 71: Mr Edward Garnier, QC.

Professor R.A. Hinde, former Master. St John's College, Cambridge, 73: Mr Peter Joslin, Chief Constable. Warwickshire, 63; Professor A.M. Lucas, Principal. King's College, London, 55: Sir Donald MacDougall, economist, 84: Viscount Malvern, 47: Mr Adam Mars-Jones, novelist. 42: Lord Molloy, 78; Mr György Pauk, violinist, 60; the Hon Tom Sackville, MP. 46: Lord Scanlon, 83: Lord Wylic. 73.

TOMORROW: Lord Ashtown, 80: Lady Baden-Powell, former chief commi The Cirl Guides Association, 60: Mr David Bryant, bowler, 65: Mr John Cleese, actor and comedian, 57; Vice-Admiral Sir John Cox, 68: Dr John Admiral Sir John Cox. 68: Dr John Dingle, President, Hughes Hall, Cambridge, 69; the Earl of Dunraven, 57; Sir Paul Fox. former managing director. BBC Television. 71: Lord Glendyne, 70: Mr Glenn Hoddle, England football team Hoode, Engann involute reali-coach, 39: Sir John Hunt, MP, 67: Mr P.T. Hurst, Chief Taxing Master of the Supreme Court, 54: Liculenani-General Sir Maurice Johnston, Lord-Lieutenani of Wiltshire, 67: Sir Raymond Johnstone, former chair-man, Forestry Commission, 67; Mr Nicholas Jones, managing-director,



Bob Hoskins, the actor. is 54 today

Lazard Bros. 50: Admiral Sir John Kerr. 59: Sir Brian McGradn, royal equerry. 71: Mr Torn McKean. athlete, 33: Sir Anthony Meyer, former MP, 76. Sir Frank Roberts, diplomat. 89; Mr

Leonard Rosoman, painter, 83: Licutenant-Colonel Malcolm Ross, comptroller, Lord Chamberlain's Office, 53; Professor B.E. Supple, former Master, St Catharine's College, Cam-bridge, 60: Mr Chris Tavare, crickoringe, 60: Mr Chris Tavare, crick-eter, 42: Dr A.W. Tyson, musicologist and psycho-analyst. 70: Air Chief Marshal Sir John Willis, 59: Mr A.N.

Forthcoming marriages

and Miss M. Cohen The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Captain and Mrs Michael Barrow. daughter of Mr and Mrs Terence

Mr A. Barrow

Petersfield, and Marianne. Cohen, of London. Mr M.S. Hutchison and Miss S.E.L. Nicholson

The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of Sir Peter and Lady Hutchison, of Melton, near Woodbridge, Suffolk. and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Nicholson, of Waltham St Lawrence, Berkshire. Mr P.D. Mcc

and Miss A.L.K. Marchant The engagement is announced between Paul, only son of Mrs Brenda Mee, of Bangor, North Wales, and the late Mr Ronald Mee, and Anne, only daughter of Dr and Mrs PJ. Marchant, of

Curzon Park, Chester. Mr P.H. Monlin and Miss S.A.N. Copeland

The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Captain and Mrs Michael Moulin, of Keyhaven, Hampshire, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Copeland, of Sandford, Somerset. Mr G.J.P. Regan and Miss T.E. Deut

The engagement is announced between Graham, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Allie Regan, of Black-rock, County Dublin, and Tracy, only daughter of Mrs Shirley Dent, of Little Venice, London.

and Miss C.A. Belsham The engagement is announced between Alastair Mark, younger

son of Mr and Mrs David Mellis. Hammoon, Dorset, and Charlotte Anne. daughter of Mr and Mrs Graham Belsham, of Kingston. Sturminster Newton.

Mr MJ. Pointon and Miss D.H. Mitchell

The engagement is announced between Michael James, son of Mrs Gladys Pointon and the late Mr R.G. Pointon, of Warwickshire, and Diana Helen, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs James Mitchell, of Redbourn, Hertfordshire.

Mr I.A.L. Salvesen and Miss W.A. Ipseu The engagement is announced

between Iver, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Robin Salvesen, of Eaglescairnie House, Haddington, and Wendy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Ipsen, of Gales Ferry. Connecticut.

Mr P.R. Williams and Miss A.C. Eagles

The engagement is announced between Paul Robert, younger son of Mr and Mrs Glyn Williams, of Bristol, Avon, and Anna Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Eagles. of Tauranga. New Zealand.

and Ms J.C. Whish The engagement is announced between Manhew, son of Mr and Mrs B. Ryder, and Jane, daughter of Dr and Mrs W.J.D. Whish.

Anniversaries

TODAY: BIRTHS: Domenico Scarlani. harpsichordist and composer, Naples. 1685; Georges-Jacques Danton. French Revolution leader, Arcis-sur-Aube, 1759; Primo Carnera, boxer, Sequals, Italy, 1900: Mahalia Jackson, gospel singer, New Orleans, 1911: singer, New Orleans. Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, Shah of Iran 1941-79, Teheran, 1919. DEATHS: Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons 871-99, London.

899; William Hogarth, painter and engraver, London, 1764; Alma Cogan, singer, 1900. The gunfight at the OK Corral took place at Tombstone, Arizona, 1881. TOMORROW: BIRTHS: James Cook, navigator.

Marton, Yorkshire, 1728; Niccolu Paganini, violinist. Genoa, 1782; Isaac Singer, inventor of the sewing machine, Pittstown, New York, 1811; Dylan Thomas, poet, Swan-

DEATHS: Athelstan, King of the English 926-940, Gloucester, 940: George Morland, painter, London. 1806; Charles Hawtrey, actor.

Marriage

Senor R. Bagen Escudero and Miss C. D'Abreu The marriage took place on October 19 1496, in Seville Cathernal between Senor Ricardo Escudero und Miss Catherine D'Abreu.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Alice Waugh and Isobel Hurt. Senor Alex Oriol was best man After the externony a reception was held followed by a dinner dance. The honeymoon will be spent in

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Dinners

The Forty Club Lieutenant-Colonel John R. Stephen-son, President of the Forty Club, was in the chair at the annual dinner held last night at the London Hilton on Park Lane. He presented the Henry Grierson Trophy to Mr Mark Riein, captain of cricket at Kimbolton School Huntingdon, Mr Huber Doggart, Mr Colin Inglety-Macker-ze. Mr Dudley Wood and Sir Tan Rice were the principal speakers. Arnuld School, Blackpool Arnold's Centenary Year ended with

a dinner, held on Thursday, October a dinner, held on Thursday, October
17. in the House of Commons, Mr M.
Jack, MP. Secretary to the Treasury,
was the host. The guests included:
Mr J Armfield. Depury Chairman as
Governors. Mr A Haythornthwash.
Chairman of the Old Armoldians, fix
Headmaster, Mr W T Gillen and the
Heads of School Edmund Jack and
Claire whitehead, parents and
Armold School. Blackpool is a registered
charity which exist for the education of
children. Charity No 520079.

Church services tomorrow

Twenty first Sunday after Trinity STANDREWS CATHEDRAL ABERDEEN: 8 HC: 10.15 S Euch, Mass of the Quiet Hour (Oldroyd). Ubi carrias (Durufie), The Provost: 0.30 Choral ES Memorial Service for Canon Shannon. as memoral service for failur sinamon.

ARMAGH CATHEDRAL: 10 HC: 11 M. God saw
all that he had made (Mawby: 3.15 E.

BELFAST CATHEDRAL: 10 M. Benedicte (Tonus
peregrinus), 1 will lift up mine eyes (Vaughan
Williams); 11 S Euch; 3.30 Choral E. BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL 9 MP. 9.15 HC: II Choral Euch. Leighton In D. Jubilate in C (Britten), So God loved the world (Jeffocal), Rev A Newman: 4 Choral E. Benedicte (Sumsion) BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL 8 HC, Canon Hindley, 9,15 Choral M: 10.30 Euch. The Short Service (Batten). Jesu duicts memoriam (Olson). Canon Hindley: 4 Choral E. Canon Hindley. Canon Hindley: 4 Choral E. Canon Hindley.

BRECON CATHEDRAL: 8 Holy Euch; 11
Sumsion in F (Herbert). Archdeacon B James;
3.30 E. Kempion in B flat.

BRESTOL CATHEDRAL College Green: 7,40 M;
8 HC: 10 Choral Euch, Darfor in F. It was in that
train (Ferguson). Canon J Johnson: 3,30 Choral
E. Sumsion in G. Canon J Simpson.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.30 M; 11 S
Euch, Mass in G minor (Vaughan Williams). To
there O Lord (Bachmaninov). Rev N Woods; 3,15
E. Wood in Cc. 6,30 United Nations One World
Week, RI REV DT M Nazir-All.

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 7,45 M; 8 HC: 10,30 S

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CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP. 8 HC.
The Vice Provost: 9.30 EUCh. Canon D Knight: 11.15 S EUCh. Merbecke. Canon B Thompson: 5 One World Week.
CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany: 8 HC: 10 Choral EUCh: 11.30 Choral M. Canon O Conway. 3.30 Choral E. St. Paul's Service Howelist, They that go down to the sea Sumsion; 6.30 Evening. Canon O Corway. 1.40 Evening. Canon O Corway. 1.50 Evening. Canon O Corway. 1.50 Evening. Canon O Corway. CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 M. Harwood in A flat. Oculi omnium (Wood. Bit Rev M. Mankielow: 11 S EUCh. Eiernal Pather IStanford). The Chancellor: 3.30 E. Wesley in E. CHRIST CHURCH. CATHEDRAL: 0.00 MP. 11.15 S EUCh. Mass for Three Voices (Byrd. In manus tuas (Sheppard). The College Chaplain: 6 E. Sumsion in G. Impelum (secrent (Sheppard). The College Chaplain: 6 E. Sumsion in G. Impelum (secrent (Sheppard). COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP. 8 Communion: (10.30 EUCh. Darke in F. Let ali morial flesh (Bairstow). Dr. Alan and Eleanor Kreider: 3 German Lutherans: 3 Gens. Lutherans: 3 HC: 10 EURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. The Precentor: 10 DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. The Precentor: 10 love hain no man (tretand).

EXETER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. 9.45 S Euch, The
Worth Service (Tanner), Rev C Prothero: 11.30
University Service, The Bishop of Monmouth: 3
E. Stanford in G. 6.30 Evening, Canon Ison.
GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. Rev I Clark:
9.45 S Euch, O taste and see (Vaughan Williams).
The Dean: 11.15 M. Jubilize in C. (Britheri), Mr A
Biack: 6.30 E. Canon Dr M Palmer. ESIGESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 M; 10.30 Euch, Rev D Cawley: 2.30 Royal Arch Mason's Annual Service: 4 Choral E, First Service (Gilbons), Rejoice in the Lord alway (Redford), The Presentor

Gibbons, Replote in the Lord alway (Redford). The Precentor.

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch. Sumsion in F. Jubilate in B flat (Stanford). Here O my Lord (Whitlock). The Dean: 3.30 E. LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany: 8 HC; 9.30 S Euch. Mass of the Quier Hour (Oldroyd). All this time (Walgon). Canon B Osborne; 11.15 M; 12.30 HC; 3.45 E. Statham in A minor. MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 MP; 9 HC; 10.30 S Euch. Mass for three voices (Byrd), Valer unset im Himmelreich (Bohm). The Dean: 6.30 E. Ave Maria (Verdnock). The Dean.

NEWPORT CATHEDRAL: 8 Holy Euch. 10.30 M. Te Deum (Stanford in C. Greater love hair no man (Ireland): 6.30 Choral Euch. Missa Brevis. NORWICH CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP. 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch. Johannesburg. Service. (Bernalol). Sis Johannesburg. Service. (Bernalol). man (Ireland): 6.30 Choral Euch. Missa Brevis. NORWICH CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M°-8 HC; (0.30) Seluch. Johannesburg Service (Beraloi). St Violet; 3.30 Sealurers & Sea Cade's Service, 6.30 EP. Hymns & Address, Canon R Hanmer. PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC: 9.30 M., Ireland in F. 10.30 Euch, Little Organ Mass (Haydn). Canon M Wilson; 3.30 E. Dyson in D. RIPON CATHEDRAL: 8 Euch, Canon K Punshon: 9.30 Euch. Beail quorum via (Stanford). Canon F. Punshon: 11.30 M., Jubilate Ireland in Fr. 12.30 Euch, Rev J Thom: 3 Holy Raptism: 5.30 E. Canon G Darvill. ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.45 M. Prayer to Jesus (Oldroyd): 10.30 S Euch. Missa Brevis (Haydn), Canon J Amson: 3.15 E. Beatl quorum via (Stanford). SALPSBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. Canon P Roberts 10 Euch. Rev A Philip, Missa Brevis Capella Regalis (Caesan), O Lord God (Bucid, Canon J Davies: 11.30 Healing & Laying of Hands: 3 E. The Spirit of the Lord (Elgan). SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 MF; 10.30 S Euch. Missa Brevis K. 194 (Mozard, Spirto of the Living God (Wright), Cenon C Smith: 6.30 Festal E 6 Sermon, Canon Sens Sinciard, Soluth Of the Living God (Wright), Cenon C Smith: 6.30 Festal E 6 Sermon, Canon Sens Sinciard.

Purcell, Canon M Ritchen: 3 Choral E, Salve Regina (Berteley), Canon R Royle.

SOUTHWELL MINSTER: 7.30 M & Litary: 8 HC: 9.30 Communion, Miss D Peck; 11 S Euch. Marbeck. The Provos; 3.15 E. Murrilli In E. TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9 M: 10 S Euch. Ave verum corpus (Byrd), The Chancellor: 6 E. Collegium Regale (Howells). Canon R Redrup.

WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.45 S Euch. 5.15 E. Brewer in D. Rev M Walker: 11.30 M: 3 E. Insanae et vanae curse (Haydni, Rev G Farran. WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC: 10 M. Lift thine eyes (Mendelssohni, Canon D Gray, 11.15 Euch. Mass in G minor (Vaughan Williams). Rev J Goodali: 3 E. Gloucester Service (Howells). O Lorde the maker of all things (Joubert, Rev A White; 5.45 Recital: 6.30 Evening, The Dean. WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10.30 M. Te Deum in G (Vaughan Williams). Rev A Walker: 11.30 Euch. Mass of the Quiet Hour (Oldroyd). O salutaris bostla (Rossini: 3.30 E. Canon P Doyle. YORK MINSTER: 8. 8.45 HC: 10 S Euch. Ireland in C. Salvator mund. (Fallis). Rev Prof E Norman: 11.30 M. Collegium Regale (Howells: 4 E. Wood in F. Rev G Webster.

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL Chevd: 8 HC: 11 Choral Team. The Deum Summed Control Land Rev Bern. 4 E. WOOG in F. Rev G Webster.

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL Clwyd: 8 HC: 11 Choral
M. Te Deum (Sumston in G). He is the Way
(Kelly). Very Rev K Goulstone: 3.30 EP.

ST DAVIDS CATHEDRAL 7.30 MP. 8 HC: 9.30
Cymun Bendigald. Y Canghellor: 9.30 Family.
The Minor Canon: 11.15 Parish Euch. The
Canon: 6 Parish E. The Canon.

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL Southwark: 8.10.6
LM: 11.30 Solemn M. Mass in G (Haydin). If we
love me findlist, FT: Cronlin: 3.30 Mass for Old
Edwardbans, Freetown, Sierra Leone.

ST GILES: CATHEDRAL Edisburgh: 8 Morning
HC. The Minister: 10 Morning: The Minister:
11.30 Morning. Annual Academis Service. The
Minister: SI Giles as Six Songs & Arias. 8 Evening
HC. The Minister. MINISTER SIGUES AS SIX SORES A ATALE 8 EVENING MINISTER.

57 MACHARY CATHEDRAL Old Aberdeen: HC. Annual Covenant & Ordination of Elders: 11 Morning, Blessed are they (Greene), Rev R Frazer: 51 PAULS CATHEDRAL London: 8 HC: 8-45 M: 15 Euch, Very Bread good Shepherd tend us (Marcham), Rev J Paul: 3.15 E. The Second Service (Leiphon), The Spirit of the Lord is upon me [Eigan, Ven G Cassidy: 5.15 Rectal. RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL Ennismore Gardens, London, SWT: 10:30 Divine Littings, Klevan and traditional polyphony, Diocesan Busbop Met, Anthony,
ALLSOURS, Langhan Place, Wi:9 Communion: ALL SOULS, Langham Place, Wi: 9 Communion; 11 Rev R Tice: 6.30 Rev J Cook.
THE ANNUNCIATION, Bryanston

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1, 11 Mass III of 1651 (Monteverdl), Pater noster (Williams). (Willaeri).
CHEISEA OUD CHURCH. SW3: B HC: 10
Children; 11 M, Blessed is he that considereth
(Wise), Rev D Bean; 12.15 HC: 6 E. Rev D Bean.
CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.
COVERS Garden, WCZ: 11.15 Dr P Green; 6.30 Mr
T Fletcher.

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HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 9.88 HC, Rev S Downham: 11 Parnilly, Rev R Thorpe: 5.7.30 informal, Rev S Downham.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Martazeller Mass (Flevent, Ave virso sancia; Iran (Guerrero): 12.30, 4.30, 7 Mass; 3.30 V & B, Pange lingua (Charpentier).

ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH: Iverna Gdas, W8: Feast of the Discovery of the Cross, WESLEYS CHAPEL, City Road, ECZ: 9.45 HC: 11 Morning, Rev Dr L Griffiths.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist).

SWI: 11,6.30, Rev Dr P Graves.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield. ECI: 9 HC: 11 Annual Service for City of London Yeomanny, T.D. (Irreland in C), Greater love (Preland). N.D. (Byrd). The Rector. 53 DE Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God (Noble). The Rector. ST BRIDES. Flees Street. EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Out of the deep (Morley). Canon J Oates. ST CLEMENT DANES: 11 M. Canterbury Service (Howells), The marvellous work behold (Haydn), Rev P Bishop: 12.30 HC.

ST COLUMBAS CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street. SWI: 11 HC. Rev C Califors. 13 De Rev C ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SWI: 11 HC, Rev A Calms: 3.30 HC, Rev C MacLeod.

MRCLEGG.
ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH. Philipeach Gardens, SWS: Mass for four voices (Heridia).
ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 S Mass, Missa Druice Memoire (Lastus).
ST GEORGES, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC. 11
SEUCh, Rheinberger in E flat, The Rector
ST JAMES'S, Sassex Gardens, W2: 8 Euch; 10.30
SEUCh, MISSR Rotare Coell (Haydin, The Lord
bless you (Rutter), Rev A Meldrum; 6 Choral E.
ST JAMES'S, Piccadility: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev
D Reeves; 5.45 EP.
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D Reves: 5.45 EP, ST JOHN'S. Stratford E15: 11 Family, Trumpet Tune & Air (Punell), Rev D Richards: 6.30 HC, Rev J Richardson, ST LUKE'S. Chebea, SW3: 8 HC: 10.30 MP & HC, kyrle & Gloria from Missa Brevis (Britten), Rev G Beauchamp; 6.30 E, Rev G Beauchamp;

ST MARK'S. Regents Park Rd. NW1: 8 HC; 9.45 Family: 11 S Euch. Give us the wings of fath [Bullock]. The Archdeacon of Hampstead. ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 S Euch, Missa brevis in D (Motani, Canon D Gray. ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS. WC2: 8 HC: 9.45 Euch. The Vicar: 11.30 Visitors. Rev C Herbert. 2.45 Chinese, Rev G Lee: 5 Chotal E: 630 Evening. Rev C Herbert. Evening, Rev C Herbert.

ST MARY ABBOTS CHURCH, Kensington W8: 8, 12-30 HC: 9-30 Parish Euch. The Vicur: 11.15 Choral M. N Pain: 6-30 E. The Vicur: 11.15 Choral M. N Pain: 6-30 E. The Vicur: 11.15 St MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9-10.7 LM; 11 HM. Missa Urhora passa (Viadana). Fr S Learny: 6-50 Emn Evensoning 8-50 Emn Benediction. ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN. Primmose Hill: 8-HC: 10-30 Parish Euch. Missa Brevis Capella Regalis (Caesar). Rev L van der Pump: 6-EP. ST MARY-LEBONE. Marytebone Road. W1: 8-HC: 11 Choral Euch. Missa in honorem Sanclissim! Cordis Jesu (Ebner). Rev R McLaren.

ST PAULYS. Willion Place. SW1: 8-9-HC: 11 Cordis Jesu (Ebrier), Rev R McLaren.
ST PAUL'S. Willion Place, SWI: 8.9 HC; 11
Solemn Euch, Mass of the Quiet Hour (Oldroyd).
Caniun N Heavisides.
ST PETER'S. Eaton Square, SWI: 8.15 HC; 10
Family Euch; 11 S Euch. God is love (Lloyd), Fr D
Tillyer.

Tillyer.

SY SIMON ZELDTES. Milner St. SW3: Patronal Festival: 11 Te Deum (Elgan. O thou the central orb (Wood). Rev R Ballard: 6.30 E.

ST STEPHEN'S. Gloucester Rood. SW7: 9 LNC/Y HM. Missa Brevis (Berkeley). Ave Maria (Stravinski). O Sacrum Convivium (Messiaen). CHAPEL ROYAL OF ST PETER AD VINCUES. HM Tower of London: 9.15 HC. Preb C Thomson. 11 M & Sermon. Give us the wings of faith (Bullock), Preb C Thomson.

CHAPEL ROYAL SL James's Palace: 8.30 HC: CHAPEL ROYAL St. James's Palace: 8.30 HC: 11.15 MP. Canon C Hill. CHAPEL ROYAL St. James's Palace: 8.30 HC: 11.15 MP. Canon C Hill.
CHAPEL ROYAL Hampion Coarl Palace: 8.30 HC: (1662: 11 M. Harris in A flat. Hear the voice and prayer (Tailis): 3.30 E. First Service [Mooret. GROSVENOR CHAPEL. South Audley Street. WI: 8.15 HC, 11 S Euch, How lovely are thy dwellings fair (Brahms). Rev D Dewey.
QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY. WC2: 11 M. Te Deum (Vaughan Williams in G). Beard quorum via (Stanlord), The Chapilain. 12.30 HC. THE TEMPLE CHURCH. Fleet Street: 8.30, 11.15 HC. The Creed (Merhecke). The Reader.
GUARDS CHAPEL Wellington Barracks, SWI: 11 M. Thou knowest Lord (Purcell). I waited for the Lord (Mendelssohn). Band of the Life Guards. Ven Archdeacon A Dean. 12 HC.
ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SEIG: 11 S Euch (BCPI, Rev C French.

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someone were to offer for love all the wealth in his house, it would be laughed to scorn. Song of Solomon 8:

BIRTHS

ALIZONO - On October 23rd : son Tristan to Tamara (né Holberton) and Stéphane.

RKWRIGHT - On Octobe

BALLINGALL - On 14th October, to Sandra (née Sampson) and James, a son, a brother to Ramish and BAUNE - On October 21st at The Portland Hospital, to Barbara (née Pajot) and Patrick, a beautiful

marte.

BEOR-ROBERTS - On October
22nd 1996, to Calta (nee
Taylor) and Atty, a daughter,
Daisy Clare Oglivy, a sister
for Bertie.

for herne.

SERRY - On 16th October, to

Emma (née Tracey) and
Christopher, a son, George
Alexander James, a brother
for Oliver and Alice.

for Oliver and Alica.

BERESHAUELSEM - On October
24th, to Sharon and Heartk,
a drughter, Laura Elizabeth

BLOOMER - On October 23td,
to Sussur (note Ralch) and
David, a son, Eliort Mark.

FORBES - On 5th October
1996, to Sophie (MuskRolph) and Marcus, a son,
Bary Marcus.

GAROMER - On October 23rd,
to Felicity (note Newbold)
and Adrian, a son, Henry
John Edmund, a brother for
Candilla and Antonin.

PERSENT - On Monday October

PERSENT - On Monday October 21st, to Kina (née Webb) and Rupert, a daughter, Ella, a sister for Jamie. LEWIS - On Thursday 17th October at The Portland Hospital Samantha and

Lawrie Lewis had Christopher Lawronce, a handsome brother for Maximilian.

EWIS - On October 24th at Brighton Royal Sussex Hospital, to Caroline, wife of Paul, a son, Thomas John.

WEREAG. On 23rd October to Caroline, wife of Paul, a son, Thomas John. SekEAG - On 23rd October, to Brenda and Padraig, a son, Claron Dawson, a brother for Conor and Brennan.

REW - On September 21st in Leicester, to Victoria (née Zugié) and David, a son, Nicholas Edward, a brother - Felicity and Oliver. Jeffison - On October 22nd 1996, to Nicky (née Kenhall) and James, a son,

Feshall) and James, a son, Alexander Hugh. SALVESER: On October 21st, to Jeremy and Louise (nie Rowe), a beautiful but premature daughters, Tossas Louise, a sister for Oliver, Rateigh and Toby. Poorly but fighting with great spirit. WHELAN - On October 10th, to Carol (nife Feder) and James, in Debal, UAE, a son, Edmund James Gerrard. a Edmund James Gerrard, a brother for Conrad, ore and Joseph

WISE - On October 19th, to Danielle and Stephen, a daughter, Juliette Ruth. A granddaughter for Tobis and the late Maurice Wise, Elaine and Clive Morris. Leonard and Par Marks and Pam Marks. and rain mans.

WOOD - On October 21st at
Newcastle upon Tyne, to
Cotherine and Simon, a son,
Edwin Harry Christopher, a
brother for Charles,
Frederick and Hugo.

ANNIVERSARIES

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aREGORIE - Suddenly on Thursday 24th October 1996 at his home, Pepdarren, Darren Farm, Argoed, Elackwood, Gwent. Captain George Windsor Gregorie (R.R.). Beloved Husband of Irene, sadly missed by all his family and friends, Funeral Tuesday 29th October Service at St Davids Charch, Oakdale, Gwent at 10.50 am, Followed by cremation at Gwent Crematunium, Creesycellog. Crematorium, Croesycelling Cwmbran at 12 noon, Family

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ERIC HALSALL Eric Halsall, broadcaster,

died on October 21 aged 76. He was born in Burnley on March 18, 1920 n a 14-year period com-mentating for the BBC

series One Man and His Dog. Eric Halsall brought the wisdom of the Lancashire uplands. among which he was reared. to elucidating the complexities of the sheepdog trial. Of all farm animals, the border collie is unique in its intelligence and its sensitivity to the moods of human beings. It was Halsall's ability to describe the subtle relationship between the shepherd and his dog that brought the programme so vividly to life.

Audiences composed of city wellers nurtured — if they had thought about it at all on the notion of the shepherd as a vaguely biblical figure. striding with crook in hand ar the head of his flock, found themselves transfixed by the tensions inherent in attempting to pen sheep - never the most tractable of animals - in difficult terrain and often inclement weather. What had been thought of as a marginal activity, enacted "somewhere out there" by a race of men remote from the concerns of modern existence, was brought into suburban living rooms with compelling force.

Halsall was aware of the fine line between success and failure in sheepdog trialling. He was able to imbue the business with a sense of elemental struggle which gripped audiences. His sympathetic commentaries put the dog where it deserves to be, at the centre of the drama. Workalongside the programme's presenter, Phil

Drabble, he commentated on more than a hundred programmes during the 14 years he was associated with One Man and His Dog. But it was not merely as a

commentator that Halsall's concern for the work of shepherds and their world manifested itself. As a course director, he was a familiar figure at sheepdog trials up and down the country, briar clamped between his teeth,



deerstalker firmly on his head. as he set up obstacles to test the resourcefulness of both dogs and their masters.

Eric Halsall was educated at Burnley Grammar School and spent most of his working life in that area of the West Pennines. He grew up in the bleak yet fiercely beautiful hills which surround the Victorian industrial towns of Burnley and Clitheroe, and early developed a love of natural history.

After leaving school he trained as a surveyor with a local firm. When war came in 1939 a heart condition ruled him out from service in the Armed Forces. Instead, he travelled the country doing surveying work for the Government. For several years after the war he worked as a journalist on the Burnley

But it was his association with the National Coal Board which set him off on the path that was to shape his life. In

was soon appointed its farms manager. In this post he was responsible for maintaining thousands of acres of farmland in the hills of Lancashire under which mineworkings run and for which the NCB had responsibility.

This led him into working relationships with the farmers who lived off this land, which was for the most part given over to grazing sheep. His interest in nature and in the rhythm of the farming year imbued him with a profound respect for the men whose lives are lived on this harsh terrain, and the dogs on which they rely for their livelihood. He became aware of the importance of sheep - physically and psychologically less "visible" than cattle - to the national economy.

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and trialling for The Farmers Guardian. Soon, he was attending sheepdog trials up and down the country, as an

The genesis of One Man and His Dog was a rain-sodden trial held at Leek Staffordshire, in 1974 at which the television producer Philip Gilbert happened to be present. Gilbert was enthralled by the skill with which Halsall endeavoured to make sure that each competitor was given equal opportunity. Listening with fascination to Halsall's descriptions of the qualities of different competitors, Gilbert also realised that he was a natural broadcaster. By that time he had also become convinced that sheepdog trialling could be an absorbing television spectacle. At first there was a natural

suspicion in the ranks of the International Sheep Dog Society (ISDS) to the possibly of a social hero. invasive attentions of television. But both Haisall and children.

the Secretary of the ISDS, Lance Alderson, believed that the importance of the sheepdog to British agriculture deserved wider currency. In the end they won the confidence of the shepherd community. The result was a programme which, against all the apparent odds at the outset, became compulsive

family viewing. Never a healthy man - he suffered from a weak heart -Halsall eventually retired from One Man and His Dog in 1990. By that time his energy and enthusiasm had raised the general awareness of shepherds, sheepdogs and their work to a level that could not have been imagined in the days before One Man and His Dog. He and his co-workers on the programme had made the scruffy, often mud-bespattered border collie something

Eric Halsall leaves his widow Rita. There were no

SIR HUGH WILLATT

Sir Hugh Willatt, former Secretary General of the Arts Council, died on October 18 aged 87. He was born on April 25, 1909

HUGH WILLATTS association with arts administration came about more by accident than design. Destined by family background for a legal career, he went to school at Repton, winning an exhibition from there to Pembroke College, Oxford, where he read Modern History. After taking his degree, he returned to Nottingham to join the family firm of solicitors, Hunt, Dickens and Willatt, and soon became a partner.

But he always retained more than a dabbler's interest in the theatre in particular and in the arts in general. This interest was inspired initially by his parents who introduced him to the theatre at an early age, and entertained the local repertory companies, so inspiring a passion for drama. and empathy with actors which was to last throughout Willatt's life. He always loved to tell amusing, but never malicious, anecdotes about the famous — many of whom became his friends.

Most of his leisure time even as a young man was spent in amateur theatricals at the Philo Dramatic Society, and in plans to provide in Nottingham a theatre for plays not dictated by commercial factors. War service with the RAF in the Middle East and Italy intervened but this only gave him wider visions and greater ambitions. Accordingly, on returning

from the war in 1945, he revived the plans for a Nottingham theatre, kept alive by his father, and through his negotiating skills, and the enthusiasm of his fellow trustees, the Labour-controlled council was persuaded to subsidise the Nottingham Playhouse, which opened in 1963. As a result of this, and many other contributions to the cultural life of Nottingham, including the production of a masque to celebrate the university's centenary, he was made an honorary MA of Nottingham University. In 1959 he had joined Lewis

Silkin Partners London. This move enabled him to play a bigger part on a larger stage and in 1960 he became chairman of the Arts Council drama panel and then in 1968 Secretary-General of the Arts Council itself. His leadership, helped by his long experience in the arts, enabled him to guide the council during a time of three-fold expansion of its funds, much of which went to support artistic activities in Scotland, Wales and Regions.

The characteristic and lasting legacy of his period in office, which lasted until 1975, was his profound understanding of artists and arts organisation and his constant insistence on the duty of the council to respect the freedom of artists and to respond with innate sympathy to their endeavours even if, as was usually the case, money was short. This was achieved through his considerable powers of tact charm, and quiet persuasiveness, together with the constant support of his formidable chairman, and personal friend. Lord Goodman,

On retirement, Willatt was knighted for his services to the arts, an honour which m

much to him but which he. typically, referred to with self-

deprecatory humour. He sub-sequently returned to the Silkin law practice, through which he briefly became chairman of Wembley Stadium He had always been an ardent supporter of Nottingham's two football clubs and of Nottingham County Cricket

He continued to give un-sparingly of his time to the arts as chairman of the National Opera Studio, the Ballet Rambert, the Nottingham Theatre Trust, the Riverside Studios, Hammersmith, and as a member of the boards of the National Theatre, the Royal Court Theatre and as a trustee of Shakespeare's Birthplace.

Through the diversity of his life, he made a large number of friends, and was never happier than when in their company - whether at the Garrick Club, in his "local", or on Gozo where he made his holiday home. He was predeceased by his

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> July 21, 1905 TO THE present generation.
> Diana Trilling was probably best known for a book she wrote at the beginning of the 1980s entitled Mrs Harris: The Death of the Scarsdale Diet Doctor. In it she gave an unemotional account of the trial of Jean Harris, the headmistress of an exclusive girls' school charged with, and con-victed of, the murder of Dr Herman Tarnower, the inventor of the highly successful Scarsdale diet. It was a cool, spare investigation of a bizarre American episode - but except in tone generally unrep-resentative of the rest of her

Although she always ruefully said that she would be remembered for nothing except being Lionel Trilling's widow, she was, in fact, herself a literary critic of acute-ness and distinction. It is probably true that a good deal of her fame was owed to her husband, who occupied something of the position of an icon in the field of American letters. But it was typical of her own toughness that in her autobiographical book, The Beginning of the Journey (1993). she should not have hesitated to suggest that he also owed a debt to her. She had, she

explained, consistently tried to bring "a greater directness and greater lucidity" to his own academic prose. Diana Rubin, as she was before her marriage, first met

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Lionel Trilling, already a graduate student of Columbia University, in a Manhattan speakeasy in 1927. They rapidfell in love and soon were leeping together (a decision she was later to refer to as "the most courageous act of my

In the New York of Prohibition even academics were drawn to a louche lifestyle and she was subsequently to recall that in those years "sex took up as much conversational space as in later years we would give to politics".

She and Trilling were mar-ned in 1929 and she was promptly thrown into an intellectuals' world in which at first she did not feel at home. She found her husband's friendswho included figures such as Irving Kristol, Sidney Hook, Saul Bellow and Hannah Arendt - overbearing and arrogant" and railed against their lack of magnanimity and sometimes even of simple good manners. They certainly

tended to want to put the world to rights - and Diana herself initially was no exception. In the early 1930s she joined a number of Communist front organisations but her experience of them quickly disillusioned her, and fierce anti-communism later became her ideological hallmark. Her special targets were always cant or empty rhetoric in any form, providing her critical work with its distinguishing characteristic, its insistence that all ideas needed to be rooted in rationality and morality.

She first started writing in 1941 when she happened to hear her husband talking on the telephone to the literary editor of The Nation who had called to ask whether he could suggest someone to take over the magazine's literary notes column. Lionel Trilling had made no recommendation but that did not deter his wife. Giving him a reproachful look, she immediately picked

up the phone and offered her own services. For the next ten years,

reading a novel and a half a day, she stuck a sharp knife into many bloated literary reputations. It was not until she was 41 that she seems to have developed yearnings for a more normal life. She then after 17 years of marriage decided that she and her husband were evading their personal responsibilities by not having children, and at the age of 42 produced a son. By then, however, her reput-

ation as a critic was largely made - with her work appearing in magazines as varied as The New Yorker. Commentary, The Atlantic and Saturday Review. Unlike her husband, she by no means confined herself to literature. frequently commenting on social mores and sometimes even on political issues (in the famous feud between Lillian Hellman and Mary McCarthy she was, of course, firmly on the latter's side).

Her husband died in 1975 and the first charge on her time after his death was to edit a 12-volume uniform edition of his work. There were also two collections of her own criti-cism — We Must March My Darlings (1977) and Reviewing the Forties (1978). As well as producing her own memoirs. she edited two volumes on D. H. Lawrence. At the time of her death she had just finished working on a book to be called A Visit to Camelot, an account of an evening spent with her husband at the Kennedy White House,

She is survived by her son.

ON THIS DAY

DECISION.

The House of Lords delivered considered judgments yesterday, holding that under section 2 of the Gaming Act of 1835 the loser of a bet on a horse race who had paid his loss by cheque might recover the amount from the winner in an action at law. It was not disputed that had the loser paid in cash or notes he could not recover the money. could not recover the money.

This decision is regarded, not unnaturally, as a bombshell in racing circles. The statement that millions of pounds are involved may or The Lord Chancellor said: "This appeal remedy (if one be resolved upon) to others."

attention to the grim humour of a situation which so obviously injures the layer more even than it does the occasionally lucky backer. On the other hand, or much of the business of the other hand, so much of the business of betting is conducted solely on the basis of honour that, morally wrong in the puritanical sense or not, its followers feel that they hardly deserve to be driven into a situation which is only fit for actual regues and vagabonds.
The Turf Guardian Society, at any rate, have

October 26, 1921 The same

fails. The consequence of this view will no doubt be extremely inconvenient to many persons ... our duty is to leave the

may not prove to be an exaggeration, but it is certain that a large number of brokmakers who conduct their business on the system of weekly payments — inevitably by cheque in most cases — find themselves faced with the

wasted no time in convening a conference of members. A meeting of these members will be held at the Holborn Restaurant, London, next Monday, and, although private, it also will be

open to other responsible bookmakers and Turf commission agents who choose to communicate with the secretary of the society. The ordinary honest punter, not being organized, must of necessity leave his interests in the hands of bodies like the Turf Guardian Society, or revert to the primitive method of Society, or revert to the primitive method of

Society, or revert to the primitive method of paying by cash.

This, of course, is the most tragic way of regarding things. Already it is an open secret that certain well-known firms have adopted more or less efficacious devices designed to drive a wagon load of cheques through the hated Act. Cheques, in some cases, may be made out to intermediary firms; there are, in fact, several schemes for the promotion of clearing houses, and, whatever the legal position may be, some firms place their belief in transactions by bearer cheques, which, they contend, are equivalent to cash and not recoverable.

It remains to be seen how the particular It remains to be seen how the particular scheme already advocated by one well-known form will stand its ground. This firm suggests that all transactions should be conducted through a limited company. Clients would pay their losses by cheque to the clearing house, which would pay the bookmakers. Bookmakers, in turn, would pay winnings (preferably by cash) to the clearing house, which again, would not the clearing house, which

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NEWS

Sainsbury plans banking role

Sainsbury plans to become the first supermarket chain to open a bank. The chain, which has been losing market share to tivals, plans to offer full banking services to its 12 million customers from the New Year. All services will be offered over the telephone and the move is seen as the most aggressive bid yet to win back market share from Tesco

Nothing wrong with a slap, says Carey

Children should sometimes be slapped to lay down moral foundations for life, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, said yesterday. In a radio interview Dr Carey, who has four children and five grandchildren, said that morality started in the home

Prince's plea

The Prince of Wales asked business to support an expansion of his charity which scoops up the young jobless, offering them voluntary . Pages 1, 8, 21

Sentencing reforms

Michael Howard's radical sentencing proposals have met a barrage of criticism from penal ... Pages L 6 reform groups Bypass ruling

A couple whose home was made worthless by plans for a bypass won a ruling that paves the way for a compensation claim.. Page 3

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Drug trial halted

halted after double the intended dose was given Flighty decision

Trials of a drug designed to save

It began when Mary Bruce was

looking for a nice new frock, but

■ If you want to know about the Invincible Armada, Sir Francis Drake, the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus or the Inquisition, do not ask a Spanish schoolchild. History does not exist as a subject in Spanish schools. The previous Socialist Government replaced it with "social sciences"...... Page 17

Deadly souvenirs

Hundreds of passengers arriving at Heathrow airport routinely carry weapons from machine guns to combat knives. All could be used to hijack an aircraft Page 7

Gospel truth, by gum

Publication of the Gospels in Yorkshire dialect confirms what Northerners have long suspected - that Jesus was a Yorkshireman Page 9

Mutiny fear

Russia's Defence Minister fears the armed forces are on the verge of an "uncontrollable" crisis and may be ready to mutiny ... Page 13

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Prince and people The Prince of Wales is better fitted than most to contribute to the debate on how to sustain and nurture civic .. Page 21 virtues.

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COLUMNS

Simon Jenkins: When we are dead and gone. trees, not scrub or grass, will

recolonise the land. Come the day. Pakenham even puts his money on the common birch to "seize its chance and walk first down the streets of Edinburgh". ...Page 20

I think that it is time to hit these myths on the head and

stand up for Opus Dei. (Being a Hindu, I am, of course, not a member.) The roots of Spanish suspicion lie in the order's role under Gen-..... Page 20 eral Franco..

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signed as manager of Blackburn Rovers less than two years after helping to lead them to the Premiership Page 48 Golf: Paul Curry, a journeyman professional from Essex.

led the Volvo Masters in Valderrama, Spain, by one shot at the half-way .. Page 48 stage. Sailing: Group 4, skippered

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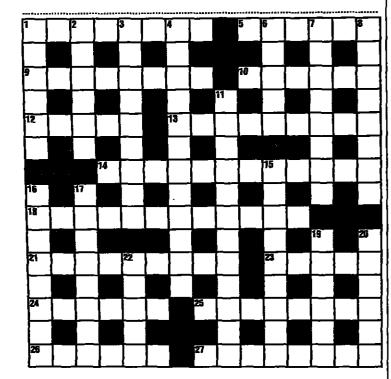
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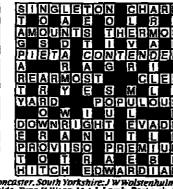
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- 13 With skill. I slow growth of edible flower (9).
- 14 Problems as issue is raised (7.5). 18 Soldiers cite new record with decoration (12).
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the southwest bringing rain and strengthening southerly winds. Western Scotland and Northern ireland western scotland and normer iterand will have sunny spells and showers, but thickening cloud will bring rain to some parts in the evening. The rest of Scotland should be mostly dry with sunny spells, any showery rain slowly becoming confined to Shetland.

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FORECAST moderate to trash turning southerly and strengthening later to near gale. Max 12C to 14C (54F to 57F).

CJ N Wales, NW England, Lakes, IoM, SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll: Sunny spells and scattered showers, cloudier later with patchy rain. Wind southwest moderate to fresh turning south to southwest and strength later. Max 11C to 13C (52F to 53F).

Cloudy with showery bursts of rain at first. Mostly dry and bright by midday. Wind mostly moderate west to southwest turning south to southwest and increasing Shetland: Cloudy with showery rain becoming mostly dry by evening. Wind mostly light and variable becoming moderate to fresh westerly later. Max 10C

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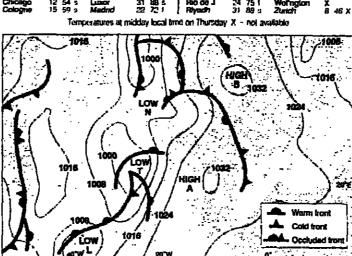
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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

SATURDAY OCTOBER 26 1996 National Savings plans to shed 1,500 staff

NATIONAL SAVINGS plans to axe 1,500 jobs even though an independent watchdog said that the Government's savings arm needed more staff after a E50 million black hole was

found in the accounts.

A secret National Savings document, Efficiency Plan 1996-97 to 1998-99, a copy of which has been seen by The Times, outlines plans to save more than £20 million. Staff cuts are expected to play a key role in achieving these savings. The existence of the management document, obtained by Derek Foster, shadow

Lang puts

block on

bids for

SW Water

By MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

tion. Mr Byatt uses the finan-

cial performances of the ten in

setting prices. He had told Mr

Lang that he was prepared to

allow Wessex to bid, provided

sufficient price cuts were forth-

coming to outweigh any disadvantage, although he was against an offer from Severn

Trent. However, Mr Lang. by siding with the MMC, has not

age annual bill for South

West's 650,000 customers, at

£320 the highest in the coun-

try, by between £48 and £64. For Wessex's own customers,

those 1.1 million of them who

rely on the company for both

water and sewerage would

have seen reductions of be-

attract the attention of another

bidder, reacted by announcing

its own package for customers and shareholders. The interim

dividend to be announced on

November 14 will rise 20.4 per cent to 11.8p, while customers

will receive a £15 rebate next

June. This is in addition to an

11.7 per cent increase in last year's dividend and a £10

rebate paid in July. Ken Hill, South West's fi-

nance director, denied the announcement was a planned

of Wessex, said that he was

try," he added. "There's some-

Vic Cocker, chief executive

at Severn Trent, said that the

focus on regulatory issues at

the expense of benefits to

customers and shareholders

was quite extraordinary. "I

hope that this does not prove

to be a victory for theory over

common sense," he said.

thing basically wrong."

defence to any further bid. Nicholas Hood, chairman

tween £33 and £44 a year. South West, which may now

d Indicated

Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, is the second embarrassment to hit National Savings after publication yesterday of a damning report by Sir John Bourn, head of the National Audit Office (NAO). In his special report, the NAO's independent comptroller and auditor general listed a catalogue of serious accounting errors at National Savings, which looks after £57 billion on behalf of 30 million people.

Sir John said the apparent lack of financial controls at National Savings "make it difficult to establish the precise liability of the Exchequer to National Savings investors with the possibility that provision may have to be made in luture

from public funds to meet liabilities to investors not currently reflected in the accounts.

The NAO report called for more staff to be recruited to sort out the National Savings accounting system urgently and to identify the whereabouts of the missing £50 million. Sir John concluded that National Savings had yet to identify all posts for which accountancy expertise is required and their strategy on training for finance staff still lacks some

Commenting on the proposed jobs cuts at National Savings, Mr Foster said: "It is a massive cull amounting to 30 per cent of jobs

within the three offices manned by National Savings at Durham, Blackpool (Lytham) and Glasgow. We are entitled to know how this is to be achieved, whether it is to be on an office-byoffice basis or if National Savings is preparing
to close down one of their centres. He added:
"Either way this will spell doom and gloom for employees and cause major economic problems in the areas where the centres operate."

The Treasury, which has insisted that the

public's money is not at risk in National Savings accounts, last night said the confidential executive summary was only a draft and no final decision had been taken on staff cuts.

Alliance &

Leicester

to set out

float details By CAROLINE MERRELL ALLIANCE & LEICESTER,

the UK's fourth-biggest build-

ing society, is to announce full

details of its stock market

The society is expected to distribute shares worth between E700 and £800 to each of

its 3.5 million members. Alli-

ance & Leicester will be

capitalised at about £2.5 bil-

lion on flotation, which is

Members will be asked to

vote on the conversion plans in

December. The society owns Girobank, which has one of

the UK's biggest telephone

banking operations, and has a

£600 million personal loan book. Alliance & Leicester earned profits of £288 million

in 1995, up from £284 million

sold its loss-making estate

agency division and closed 40

Alliance & Leicester may

attract a bid before the flota-

tion. Prudential, which this

year considered making an

offer for the Woolwich, and

NatWest, are possible bidders.

nounced its conversion plans.

It will pay out shares worth.

on average, £1,000 a member.

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Halifax this week an-

branches to reduce costs.

Last year the society

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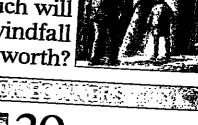
flotation on Monday.

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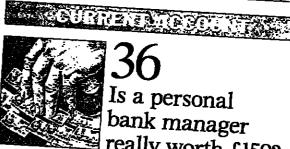




The trials of letting out your home

Election-time jitters in the US markets





Is a personal bank manager areally worth £150?

Giles Clarke, chief executive, stands to make £20 million if the deal goes ahead

a fifth off South West's stock taken this view. Mr Byatt said he welcomed market value. The shares 1302 p lower at 575p. Wessex should be allowed to Mr Lang had been expected to clear Wessex to make a take over South West if price move in return for heavy reductions of 15 to 20 per cent were made available to cusreductions in bills paid by its tomers in both companies. customers and those of South These would have been hard West, although there had been to fund out of available cost savings from putting the two companies together. But had Wessex agreed, this would have trimmed the aver-

IAN LANG, President of the

Board of Trade, has slammed

the door on two takeover bids

that offered as much as £50 a

year off the bills of customers of Britain's most expensive

water company.
His decision to block pro-

posed offers for South West Water from neighbouring

Wessex Water and Severn

Trent stunned the City and cut

some doubt whether the much bigger Severn Trent would have been allowed through because of its size. Instead, he backed the line taken by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, which

has been looking at the battle for South West since the companies' intended bids were announced in the spring. The MMC said that the

disappearance of one of the ten water and sewerage companies in England and Wales would be against the public interest because it would deprive lan Byatt, the industry regulator, of necessary financial informa-

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Tempus, page 28 **United buys 20% of HTV**

By Paul Durman

UNITED News & Media, own-

£73.7 million for a near-20 per

cent stake in HTV Group, the

ITV company for Wales and

United's move may fore-

shadow an eventual takeover

of HTV, although United yes-

terday said that it had no

plans to make an offer for the

rest of the company. The 420p

the west of England.

Clarke welcomes rise in growth

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

KENNETH CLARKE, the Chancellor, yesterday comed figures showing that growth has accelerated. He said that there is a new zip in the economy.

Gross domestic product rose by 0.8 per cent between July and September, compared with 0.5 per cent in the previous quarter. This gave an annual growth rate of 23 per cent, up from 22 per cent in the second quarter and nearing the Treasury's fore-cast of 2.5 per cent for 1996 as a

The pick-up in growth has been because of a significant improvement in construction, a bumper harvest and the

a share that United is paying for the 17.5 million HTV

shares held by Scottish Tele-

vision effectively sets a floor

It is the third time in three

years that HTV has attracted a

big new shareholder, and STV

has doubled its money in just

over a year. It acquired the

stake for £36 million last

September in a strategic alli-

ance with Flextech, the previ-

ous owner of the HTV shares.

for any future takeover bid.

assumption by statisticians that manufacturing industry has picked up smartly in

Services grew at a similar pace to the second quarter. with finance and business services being the star

Separate figures issued by the Office for National Statistics showed that Britain's trade gap with the rest of the world narrowed dramatically in August to £584 million. from July's figure of £1.22

September's trade gap with non-European Union countries widened to £851 million,

forging a profitable relation-

ship with HTV than did Flex-

tech. HTV and Meridian share a border, and work on

United is lifting its stake in

Independent Television News

by buying, for £5.1 million, the

United's ITN stake will rise

from 17 per cent to the 20 per

cent maximum. It has to sell

the 2 per cent "surplus".

per cent held by STV.

Tempus, page 28

for Pet City By Ketth Rodgers PET CITY, the operator of pet superstores, is to be acquired by America's Petsmart chain for £150.2 million.

US firm to

pay £150m

Pet City has never made a profit and was floated on the stock market with a value of only £73 million less than a year ago. Richard Northcott, chairman, and Giles Clarke, chief executive, stand to make almost £20 million each if the deal goes ahead.

At present, Pet City operates 50 UK superstores. A further five are scheduled to open before Christmas and the company expects to have 75 stores open by July next year. Yesterday it reported losses of £982,000 for the year to July 7 on sales of £54.5 million after losses of £1.6 million in the

previous year. Petsmart, which owns 311 tores in America, signalled its intention to move into the UK earlier this year and held discussions on potential joint ventures with several companies, including Boots.

The company, capitalised at \$3.1 billion, has plans to open between 900 and 1,000 stores in western Europe.

Pet City shares, originally offered at 300p. rose to 560p from 340p yesterday. Under the terms of the deal a holder of 10,000 Pet City shares will receive 3,214 Petsmart shares.

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How Big Bang gave a boost to Britain's economy

to the Big Bang have been too simplistic. History is seldom simple. The Big Bang needs to be seen in the context of the wider changes that were taking place in economies throughout the world and in the world's financial services

The Stock Exchange was not the only market or institution that had to change its ways in 1986 to meet new challenges. It was, however, very important for the United Kingdom's place in a more competitive world that it should do so.

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It is easy to forget now that right through to the 1970s Britain ran a restrictive and protected economy. There were dividend controls, price controls, exchange controls and high taxes. Government was most intrusive.

In the early 1970s, we saw the beginnings of deregulation in the banking world. In the securities markets, there were increasing international pressures. London had traditionally been an interness, but this role was knocked

any of the accounts on the head by exchange con-of events leading up trols, which made it expensive and principal (broker and jobfor domestic investors to invest overseas; the mismanagement of the UK economy did not make investment in Britain attractive to overseas investors. During the 1970s, there was increasing interest in international business as institutional investors grew in size and as Stock Exchange member brokers began to look beyond the UK.

In 1970, the Stock Exchange changed its rules to allow its member firms to deal overseas under local rules because they would otherwise not be able to compete. The Stock Exchange also recognised, even before 1970, that firms needed to bolster their capital resources. The introduction of outside capital (but not control) was permitted in 1968. From the middle 1970s, the exchange launched into an increasingly liberal debate about the changes necessary to permit member firms to deal in international equities from London since they could not hope to compete with overseas firms that

were not subject to the Stock

Exchange rules on fixed commis-

ber). The establishment of the Euro bond market in London outside the Stock Exchange showed how true this was.

The real cause of the Big Bang was the abolition of exchange controls in 1979. From this moment, change was inevitable. International flows of savings and capital were bound to increase, and the distinction between international equities and leading UK equities was bound to disappear. To compete with outside houses, especially those from the US, member firms of the Stock Exchange would need more outside capital. The Stock Exchange's debate on how to permit member firms to compete.

Meanwhile, member firms themselves increasingly eroded the fixed-commission system by offering free services to institutional clients, and brokers increasingly tried to do both sides of large deals, thus eroding to some extent the separation of capacity. Commercial pressures were thus leading to change. The resistance largely came from EXECUTIVE. VOICE

Sir Nicholas Goodison

three camps — brokers whose livelihoods depended largely on domestic business; brokers and jobbers in the gilt-edged market (which operated under the aegis of the Bank of England), who saw no reason for disturbing what had worked for a long time; and many people inside and outside the Stock Exchange who believed very strongly that the separation of capacity was a strong force for investor protection.

I believe that the reference to the Restrictive Trade Practices Court slowed up the process of

commercial change. The Office Cecil Parkinson, the new Secof Fair Trading was bound to refer the Stock Exchange to the court in 1979. It put the exchange into an impossible position. Court proceedings are antagonistic, and the scope of the reference was undefined. Any alternative system of running the market would have been equally subject to court scrutiny. Worst of all, a court decision would have meant instant change with not enough time to plan an alternative market. The last thing that the exchange wanted, in its regulatory role, was dis-

orderly markets. The refusal of the incoming government in 1979 to exempt the exchange was a great pity. Fortunately, it became increasingly clear within government, as a result of work done within the exchange, and particularly in the Bank of England and the Treasury, that the court proceedings were an inappropriate way to dictate reform of the country's major securities market. Even Harold Wilson's committee in 1980 agreed that it was the wrong forum.

After the 1983 election, I asked

retary of State for Trade and Industry, to take the necessary action to stop the court proceedsensible and orderly change. Following our offer to abandon fixed commissions and to make certain constitutional changes, he agreed. Despite misguided political opposition, he proposed the necessary primary legislation, which was enacted in

Initially, the Government wanted us to keep the separation of broker and jobber, but we had shown conclusively in our preparations for the case that this was unlikely to survive fixed commissions went. Cecil Parkinson and I agreed that there should be three anda-half years to allow the exchange to plan the new market and to bring in the necessary technology.

March 1984.

This process, including the adoption of a market-making system, the decision to go for a big bang" rather than a phased introduction of changes, and the development of the SEAQ quotation display system, was trium-

phantly achieved within the agreed timescale, enabling the new market to operate from October 1986. The changes to the ings so that we could plan a membership rules allowing 100 per cent outside ownership were made in March of that year, having been agreed within the exchange quite separately from any agreement with the

Government.
All these bold decisions were necessary to strengthen London in international markets, and particularly equity markets. As for the exchange, if it had not opened its membership to international players, it would have become a domestic backwater.

The changes unquestionably added to London's strength as an international financial centre. Trade in US, Japanese and leading continental shares increased enormously, and the contribution to the economy of London and of the United Kingdom has been of tremendous

Sir Nicholas Goodison is deputy chairman of Lloyds TSB Group and was chairman of the Stock Exchange 1976-1988.

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National Grid gives way on price controls

By Ketth Rodgers

NATIONAL Grid has conceded defeat in its battle with Offer, the electricity industry regulator, by accepting proposals for tougher transmission price controls.

The decision ends three weeks of uncertainty as the company considered whether to seek a Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry into the review by Stephen Littlechild, the regulator.

The controls will cut almost El billion from customers' bills over the next four years, forcing the National Grid to reduce prices 20 per cent in the first year and keep prices at 4 per cent below inflation for the next three years.

National Grid had fiercely contested Offer's original proposals and was thought to be bitterly disappointed that Pro-fessor Littlechild had made only modest changes to the final terms. However, a reference to the MMC would have extended the dispute for up to

six months. Earlier this month unions argued that the proposals, which will require National

Grid to cut operating costs by at least 4 per cent per year, could cost up to 800 jobs.

There was also speculation yesterday that the company might be encouraged to dispose of all or part of Energis, its telecommunications arm.

Acknowledging that the revenue reductions would have a material impact on the profit-ability of the transmission business, David Jones, group chief executive, said that the company was confident that it would maintain a progressive dividend policy.

Opinion was divided over the impact on profits although some analysts have argued that earnings per share could fall by more than 25 per cent after the proposals come into effect in April.

Meanwhile, Professor Littlechild has reached a oneyear agreement with ScottishPower and Hydro-Electric on new trading arrangements to second-tier suppliers, moving to a pool purchase price basis that is about 6 per cent lower than the present method.

Royal & Sun to sell stake

Royal & Sun Alliance, the insurance company, is selling its 71.8 per cent interest in South Africa's Protea Assurance for £98 million. The move is part of the rationalisation since the merger of Royal Insurance and Sun Alliance.

Protea's general business goes to Mulual and Federal Insurance Company and the life and investment business to Commercial Union's 51 per cent owned South African arm.

Lloyd's board

Lloyd's of London has appointed a seven-strong disciplinary board. The insurance market said Matthew Patient, a former member of the ruling council, will be chairman.

Arcadian rights

Arcadian International, the hotels group, is raising £14.9 million through a rights issue of one new share for every three held at 45p each.

Shoe deal

Peter Black Holdings is buy-ing 75 per cent of Lenci Calzature, an Italian footwear company, for up to £11 million.

TOURIST RATES

GUS shares fall after warning

BY OUR CITY STAFF

SHARES of Great Universal Stores, the retailing group, fell 21p to 6132 p vesterday after it said that pre-tax profits were likely to fall I per cent in the first half of the current year.

Lord Wolfson of Sunningdale, chairman and chief executive, told yesterday's annual meeting of shareholders that although group turnover was marginally higher than this time last year, profits would be affected by slower trading in the home shopping division "in a market". very competitive

Profits have also been adversely affected by the strength of the pound and the weakness of the rand, reducing South African earnings, which normally account for between 5 and 10 per cent of annual profits.

Pre-tax profits were £237.5 million in the first half of last year, up from £226.8 million. Lord Wolfson said there were no current plans to pay a special dividend from the company's ner cash of El.I billion. The shares have failen from a high of 770p this year.

THE SUNDAYTIMES

Our team brokered this deal, make no mistake," said Dick Brown, the energetic be C&W . . . 9

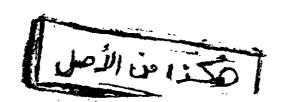
new chief executive of Cable & Wireless. "We insisted on operating and management control, a stake of more than 50% and that the name would

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A WORKING WEEK FOR: BOB PHILLIS

Auntie's guide on a voyage to the new world

Eric Reguly meets the BBC executive who is charged with bringing about a cultural and

commercial revolution at the corporation

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THE revolution at the BBC began behind closed doors in the Denver office of John Malone, chief executive Tele-Communications Inc. one of the world's most powerful media groups. Malone,

ed as one of the industry's few "threedimensional chess players, told the small group of executives that he was ready to proceed with plans to make the BBC a household name around the globe. TCI, through Discovery Communications, its US programming arm, and Flextech, its British affiliate, would spend \$750 million or more to develop and launch more than a dozen pay-TV channels based on BBC programming. Bob Phillis, the BBC's deputy director-general and the top British official at the meeting in Colorado, knew the BBC would never be the same again - Auntie was about to enter the commercial arena with a bang. "There is no question that as we see more competi-

tion and choice, we have to open up on different fronts," he said. That was in February. Speculation in the press forced the BBC and TCI to disclose their plans last month. The announcement rocked the TV industry and

came as a blow to BSkyB. the satellite broadcaster 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of The Times. BSkyB had also approached the BBC with a proposal to develop BBCthemed subscription channels and was nego-tiating with the BBC right up to the time of the announcement. TCI won

partly because the BBC wanted an international deal: TCI has 12.5 million cable subscribers in the US, and its farflung joint ventures and affiliates could give the BBC channels widespread foreign coverage.

Since then, Phillis, who is also chief executive of BBC Worldwide, the BBC's fledgeling commercial arm, and Richard Emery, managing director of BBC Worldwide Television, have been working to strike final agreements with TCI and Flextech. If all goes well, the first BBC subscription channels will be available on satellite and cable late next summer.

The creation of the joint ventures with TCI and Flextech marks a new era for the BBC because, until recently, its entire income — £1.8 billion in the last financial year — came from the licence fee. This may seem a fortune, but the BBC is struggling. As programming costs rise in a market bombarded with dozens of new TV and radio services, from the BSkyB channels to London's Talk Radio, the BBC has been shedding employees, combining operations and introducing "accountancy", a hitherto unknown term

within the organisation, into the lexicon. While the overhaul has helped, it has not freed enough cash to keep the BBC on an even keel. Lack of funds meant that it

lost the rights last year to the Grands Prix and the FA Cup, and other viewing favourites are bound to disappear as it severs fingers and limbs to keep the body alive. There are two possible solutions: raise the licence fee faster than the inflation rate, politically a risky move just before an election, or develop a stream of commercial income to prop up the core operations. Phillis's job is the latter.

In a sense, Phillis has come full circle. Until he joined the BBC in 1993 he had spent his entire career in the commercial world, with long stints in printing, newspapers and independent television. He does not fit the mould at the slowmoving and bureaucratic BBC and there has been speculation that he has come close to resigning on more than one occasion out of sheer exasperation.

Phillis admits to bouts of exasperation, but says that he is taking things in his stride in his effort to build a commercial business. "The culture here is different and there are those in the BBC who say it should stay a pure, public service broad-caster. To which I say, What's the

Phillis, 50. is an affable, burly man whose upfront style contrasts sharply with the lacquered charm of many of his media colleagues. He is unconventional outside the office too and disappears into the

wilderness whenever he can. He and Jean, his wife, and their three sons like to ski, trek, take white-water rafting trips and climb mountains. Phillis left school at 15, and yearned to be an architect but entered the printing industry before winning a scholarship to Nottingham University. After graduating in in-

dustrial economics, he had careers with Thomson Regional Newspapers and the British Printing Corporation and was on the staff of the Scottish Business School

and Edinburgh University.

His introduction to the TV world came in 1981 when he was managing director of Independent Television Publications, the publisher of TV Times that was then owned by the ITV companies. He was spotted by the newly formed Central Independent Television, and was made managing director; he ran the company until he joined Michael Green's Carlton Communications in 1987. Phillis professes enormous admiration for Green, but their relationship was said to be rocky and he departed in 1991 to become chief executive of Independent Television News. Two years later he landed at the BBC and became its rising star. At one point, he was considered the leading internal candidate to replace John Birt as directorgeneral. Earlier this year Birt signed on for a second four-year term, but Phillis has not given up hope. "If and when John ever steps down, of course I would be interested in applying for his job," he said.

To a great extent, his future depends on how well he manages the growth of BBC Worldwide. The job has political, as well as business, risks. Phillis has to turn BBC



Bob Phillis does not fit the BBC mould. There has been speculation that he has come close to resigning on more than one occasion out of sheer exasperation

Worldwide into a serious money-spinner, but has to do so without leaving the impression that his work is part of a covert effort to transform the BBC into a

wholly commercial enterprise.

BBC Worldwide was created in 1994 and is charged with licensing and distributing the BBC's programming around the world, and publishing magazines such as Top Gear and Radio Times, books such as Delia Smith's Winter Collection and videos such as Pride and Prejudice and Wallace and Gromit. It is also responsible for the transmission of the BBC World Service and the development of multi-media nood new BBC Online service with ICL, the computer company. In its latest financial year, BBC Worldwide had turnover of E338 million, up 11 per cent, and generated earnings of £77 million, up 44 per cent, all of which went to the BBC.

Phillis's goal is to triple BBC Worldwide's contributions to the BBC over the next ten years. Privately, he thinks it can do better. If so, the BBC will have a better chance of competing with the global players. What we will do is supplement the licence fee, not replace it," he said.

Getting into the pay-TV market was in-evitable. The arrival of the "multichannel"

universe, which can bombard viewers with hundreds of analogue and digital channels, has created a voracious demand for programming, especially the

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English-language variety. The BBC, renowned for its highquality drama, comedy, news and documentaries, was a natural target for the likes of TCl and BSkyB. Adam Singer. president of TCI International, the overseas

arm, said: "The BBC language library of programmes in the world." What the BBC does not have is spare cash, and BBC Worldwide has no meetings with lawyers, programmers, man standing at any meeting."

funds. Programming is its currency. In Britain, at least, it appears to have struck a sweet deal. It and Flextech are equal partners in the joint venture formed to launch the channels. Flextech is putting up all the investment costs, estimated to be as much as £200 million, and will share the profits with the BBC. The BBC gets a double benefit because the joint venture will buy programming from it at market rates. The half-dozen or so BBC-Flextech channels will range from "catchup TV", replaying the BBC's top shows for

mandate to risk a penny of licence-fee

those who missed them the day before, to Horizon, a docum Reaching final long-term agreements with TCI and Flextech will involve endless bankers and TV executives on both sides of the Atlantic, and the expected December completion date is starting to look optimistic. The BBC has never before done anything remotely similar and will want to make sure that it is striking the best deal. Malone, the TCI head, strikes fear into even the most seasoned media executive. Phillis said: "I am not pretending this whole process is easy."

The forthcoming marathon is bound to test Phillis's patience, but his colleagues and friends are betting that he will emerge in one piece. "Bob has endless persistence and stamina," said Charles Independent Television. "He just keeps grinding away and he'll always be the last

(HIDDEN ASSETS

Tradition still pays its way for Theakston's brewery

nyone with a taste for rich, dark and smooth ales will be familiar with Theakston's Old brought fame to the town of Masham at the eastern end of Wensleydale in North Yorkshire. Since 1987, Scottish & Newcastle has owned the Theakston brewery, a conchanged since its foundation in 1875. Its beers and pubs may now be acknowledged the world over as an undis-puted asset of the company, but the brewery itself is not so

well known. History and heritage are paramount at Theakston's brewery, a traditional workmg concern where original equipment is used to make beers according to Yorkshire recipes written more than 170 years ago. The brewing tradition in Masham (pronounced Massam) began in the 1820s

Joanna Pitman finds few changes at the home of the recipe for Old Peculier

ful farming family, decided to branch out. He leased the Black Bull Inn and brewhouse in Masham and began making what soon became ales of considerable renown. When Robert died in 1875,

his son Thomas opened a new brewery in Paradise Fields, also in Masham. If Thomas were alive, he would probably still recognise it today. An electric motor pow-ers the grist mills instead of a steam engine, and the copper is heated by an oil burner rather than the old open furnace, but apart from those changes, it still functions as he originally planned. When Thomas died in 1919, his sons Robert and Edwin took over the brewery and immediately acquired their local rival, the

Lightfoot Brewery, complete with pubs and a cricket team. The brewery grew fast and a reputation for fine ales boosted demand so much that a new brewery was opened in

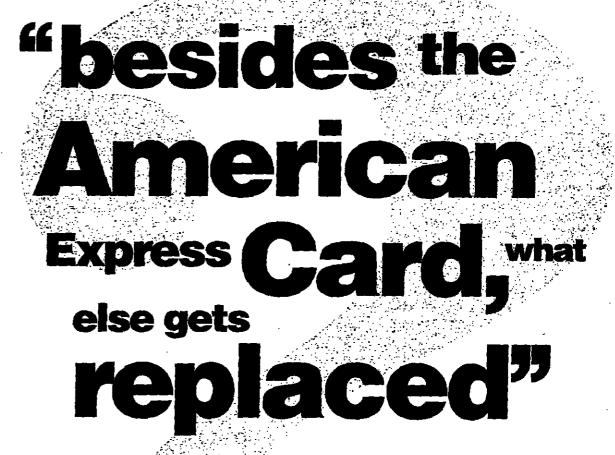
Newcastle upon Tyne.
Theakston produces eight ales, not all of them available all year round; but it is Old Peculier that has won the brewery its fame. The tale of its name - and spelling goes back to the reign of William the Conqueror and one of his captains. Nigel de Albini, who was rewarded for with the lands and estates of Mashamshire. His son, Roger de Mowbray, joined a crusade in 1140, was captured and held to ransom for seven years, until redeemed by the Knights Templar. On his

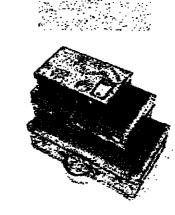
pressed his gratitude by granting the income of the church in Masham to the church of St Peter in York. The Archbishop of York was not much taken with the gift, however, as it carried with it extra responsibilities in administering the law in Masham. So with doe archepiscopal aplomb, he freed Masham of all the customs and claims of his archdeacons and officials, and established the Peculier Court of Masham to deal with the law independently. A descendant panel of the court still sits, made up of 24 Masham citizens and chaired by the

vicar of St Mary's, Masham. The Theakston team is not only skilled in the art of brewing. It also produces its own oak barrels. To supply real cask-conditioned ales, wooden casks are made by hand — watertight vessels put together without using nails, screws or glue. There are only eight skilled coopers still working in a handful of traditional breweries across the United Kingdom, and one of them works at Theakston. There he trains his own apprentice coopers and toether they turn out oak casks of such rarity that are num-bered and catalogued. Eighty-year-old casks are still in use at the brewery.

Dispensing a pint is another art in itself. The head should not be foamy, but dense and creamy, remaining on the beer as it is drunk and leaving a lacing of foam on the sides of the glass. Even if it does take 15 seconds to pull one of Theakston's best. I am

told it is worth the wait.





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Theakston produces its own oak barrels. Some 80-year-old casks are still in use

Electricity surge helps to power turnround

and electricity stocks helped to power a surprising stock market turnround, taking the FT-SE 100 back over the key 4,000 level to recover some of the ground lost earlier in the

Thanks to a lift from a stronger futures market and a firmer opening on Wall Street. the FT-SE 100 ended the week at 4,022.4, up 23 points on the day, but nearly 31 points down

The lively mix of water and electricity provided much of the day's action after the DTI's surprise move to block the two bids for South West Water. Shares in South West Water

plunged 130¹2p, a drop of nearly 20 per cent, to 575p, after the bids were thrown out on the ground that a takeover would be against the public

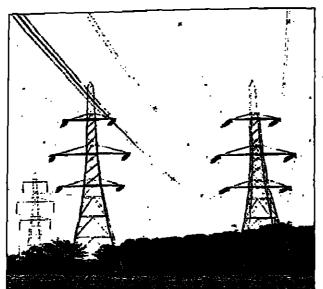
FT-SE 100 stock, responded with a 30p jump to 605 p. while the other suitor, Wessex Water, added 25p to 342 2p.

With water interest dampened there was talk of predators switching their interest to electricity stocks.

such as Dominion Resources ity, which jumped 42½p to 560½p. Bid rumours also sparked strong buying interest in Northern Electricity, up ity rose 2212p to 590p and Yorkshire Electricity moved ahead 26p to 7432 p.

to 180p. National Power shared in the sector surge, helped by a broker's recommendation, adding 10p to 394p while Powergen rose ISp to

Home shopping problems continue to dog progress at Great Universal Stores, the catalogues to Burberry retailer. The group's warning of a l per cent drop in interim profits knocked the shares 17p lower to 617p. GUS shares have had a interesting ride this year, touching a high of 770p this year, before being knocked back in the wake of a profit warning in May.



Electricity provided much of the day's market action

United News & Media to acquire a stake in HTV. United denied any plans for a full takeover bid, but analysts said that the £74 million deal might well lead to a takeover offer for HTV in the future, together with a move for Westcountry

Shares in HTV added 112p to 385p while STV slid 9p to for-three offer at 45p is to fund 753½p. United News & Media a number of projects, includ-

the hotel and casino group, to add 2½p to 99½p, although there was some disappointment that it made no comment on its rumoured interest in buying Lonrho's Metropole Hotels. Also among hotel stocks Arcadian International confirmed details of its £15 million rights issue. The one-for-three offer at 45p is to fund

Sainsbury, the supermarket group, checked out 11p higher at 361p after announcing plans to move into banking with the Bank of Scotland. The move, says analysts, is a means to regaining some of the ground lost to Tesco. Bank of Scotland shares ended 5p higher at 283p.

dipped ½p to 688½p. York-shire-Tyne Tees Television rose 20p to 1220p on speculation tipping Granada as a

Talk of takeovers helped My Kinda Town, the restaurant group, where the shares rose 8p to 1712p after it confirmed an approach. SR Gent, the clothing manufacturer that is also attracting bid interest, gained a further 112p to 74p.

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quarter trading helped Stakis.

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ing The Great Eastern Hotel in London. Arcadian added 2½p to 47½p.

Reuters moved up 6p to 7782 p after third-quarter revenue rose 9 per cent to £736 million. The increase reflected higher demand for its information management systems and further expansion of Instinct, its equities trading

Emap, the magazine and exhibition group, drifted lower again as boardroom troubles

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

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tial cost of £7.4 million. Silk Industries slither 5½p to 120p after profits we held back by higher inve ment costs. At the half ye profits rose 6 per cent to £1.

Royal & Sun Alliance moved up 5p to 422p after selling its 78 per cent stake in Protea Assurance in South Africa.

Magnum Power, which had its first day's trading on the Alternative Investment Market after moving from the USM, closed at 30p while Beecheroft, which builds retirement housing, was placed

at 3p and closed up 1p. BSkyB eased back a further 3½p to 593p while Man-chester United lost 20p to 523p, with Tottenham Hotsour off 9p to 532p, over reports that the Sky deal wih the Premier League clubs was to be looked into by the European Commission.

Among drugs groups, Britdemand, adding 162 p to 236p. Pearson, the newspaper to entertainment group, rose 21p to 7322p on renewed bid Dana Petroleum moved up

3p to 162p after its recommended offer for the Irish Petroceltic, while among retailers, Dixons slid back 152p to 5682p after a more cautious broker's note. ☐ GILT-EDGED: Strong buying interest from overseas together with a positive response to UK economic news elped the market to push ahead. Volume was down on the previous day at 80,000. but the December series of the long gilt ended ²⁷36 ahead at £110 ⁵36. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 rose 3036 to £1012436, while in shorts, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 gained 1036 to £103 2936.

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Sailing in new waters

The accepted wisdom is

that United will, eventually,

turn Harlech TV into

Hollick TV, just as Granada

is expected to swallow York-

shire-Tyne Tees. However,

the dizzying share prices

allow no room for setbacks. Yet the ITV companies

face considerable challenges.

These include: competition

for advertising revenue from

HOLLICK TV

IT WAS a bad day and a good day for South West Water's management. Bad because the company went on trial for the latest in a series of pollution incidents; good because the Government ruled out takeover bids between water companies and South West is the most vulnerable of the lot.

Or perhaps it wasn't such a good day. because a hostile bid has not been ruled out. but made easier. Ian Lang's bombshell will have given encouragement to bidders outside the industry who might otherwise have leared cosy white knight defences between water companies. South West may claim that a 20 per cent dividend rise next month and a further £15 off household bills next summer has nothing to do with building bid defences, but it will certainly help.

South West shares dropped back, but not to

below the £5 level they were at before bid activity started in the spring. Since then, the all-share index has risen 6 per cent while South West is at least 15 per cent higher. City analysts are now casting around for potential bidders, such as the French water companies (already prowling the UK water sector) or SWEB, the local electricity company.

One of the oddities of the regulatory system is that SWEB is now better placed than Severn Trent and Wessex. As a non-water utility. SWEB is not one of Ian Byatt's blessed comparators and might not be required to make price reductions in return for being allowed to bid. That should leave outsiders able to pay more than water companies. Customers have no reason to thank lan Lang today, but shareholders should suppress their disappointment and hang on.

Channel 5, the likely loss of

the Channel 4 subsidy, and a

weaker advertising environ-

ment - perhaps encouraged

by a change in government.

Then come the uncertainties

doubled its money in HTV in

only a year. It will be

surprising if United does anything like as well.

of licence renewal in 1999. Scottish Television has

HTV

IN THE media rumour mill. HTV has long been a favourite takeover candidate. But even the reconstructed United News & Media has balked at paying the full price for the Welsh franchise.

United is paying 420p a share for just 20 per cent of HTV. That is an astonishing 30 times more than the 14p value of HTV shares in the dark days of November 1992. It is also more than 36 times Salomon Brothers's estimate of HTV's earnings this year.

Hardly surprising that Carlton Communications chose not to buy the stake and Lord Hollick's United has stopped short of mounting a full takeover - the option was available had he waited until next Friday when this year's Broadcasting Act takes effect.

Minerva

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SMALL property companies do not always deliver on their promise but Minerva has one or two interesting situations up its sleeve. The company has been around since 1988, quietly outperforming the IPD property index by some 80 per cent. Yesterday it struck a deal with Ladbroke to buy the Paribas headquarters in Wigmore Street in London for £37 million, conditional on Minerva floating next month and raising the

necessary cash. Minerva has an angle on Wigmore Street. Paribas is scheduled to vacate the premises next year for its own purpose-built HQ in Marylelease liability of £2.7 million a year as well as rates and could sub-let, but the likelihood is that it will seek to buy out its lease from the new

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location. In short Minerva has a potential development site in the heart of the West End that could be worth £150 million to £200 million in a couple of years. The company has other interesting assets including a possible one million sq project in Crovdon and a building in Euston Road. let to the Prudential on a 107year unexpired lease with upward-only rent reviews, the frequency of which can be be reviewed by Minerva. The November float should be well worth a look.

Pet City bone. However, it is tied to a A DOG may be for life and not just for Christmas but a share in Pet City has proved both a short-term and profitable hold. The loss-making company is valued by Petsmart's offer at 594p a share, less than a year after its 300pa-share placing on the AIM.

To the observer, it's all a bit

of a mystery. The company's financial history is liberally spattered with red ink, and in its debut year, it managed to exceed its own forecast losses. turning the £300,000 deficit flagged in its prospectus into

a near-£l million loss. Petsmart reckons the price is fair and the Americans have plans for 1,000 stores in western Europe: an ambitious target from a platform of 50 Pet City stores, 50-odd in various stages of negotiation, and 900 that don't yet exist.

After abortive talks with Boots, the option of buying an established chain at an inflated price no doubt looked more attractive than taking on the entire continent from scratch. That, at least, is the logic being touted by some.

The same people, incidentally, believe that Petsmart might have been facing a 650p share price if Pet City's bosses had hung on until next year, It's a dog's life.

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How a lender kept a couple hanging on



Caroline Merrell and Marianne Curphey report on the building society flotations

Shares for almost everyone

shareholders with stock worth a total of £16 billion will swell the ranks of private investors next year. The four building societies poised for flotation will introduce more shareholders to the market than ten

years of popular capitalism.
This week, the Halifax Building Society announced further details of the plans for its £10 billion flotation. On average, the nine million members of the society will receive shares valued at around £1,000. Those who have had higher balances in their accounts on the qualifying dates will receive thousands more.

Over the next few weeks the society will be giving its mem-bers details of how to ensure they get as much as they can from conversion. The society will be reminding members that they should have at least £100 in their accounts by the end of this year in order to qualify for shares.

Members who qualify for the variable distribution of shares must make sure they top up their accounts to the level they were at on November 25, 1994, by the date of the special general meeting that will decide on the conversion.

This is expected to take place at the end of February next year. The building society anticipates that a significant number of new shareholders will sell their shares in a short period of time. The price could move to a premium as the index tracking funds, which include many of the big pension funds, will buy up the shares. In anticipation of this demand, the society has set up a share dealing service which will be free for a limited amount of time after the flotation

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the first year; over the next four years a further 25 per cent of the shares were sold by the ivate investors.

Rob Thomas, UBS analyst, believes that Halifax shares could be a worthwhile long-term bet. In outlining the conversion details, the society also announced it has abandoned its live-year immunity from takeover. Mr Thomas said: "It is unlikely that anyone would be big enough to take over the Halifax, but it is bigger almost than all the other mutuals put together. It is of such a size that it can dictate the price in the mortgage market. It has a relationship with one in five people."

The Halifax has made no secret of the fact that it wants to become a major player in long-term savings. Mr Thomas said the society

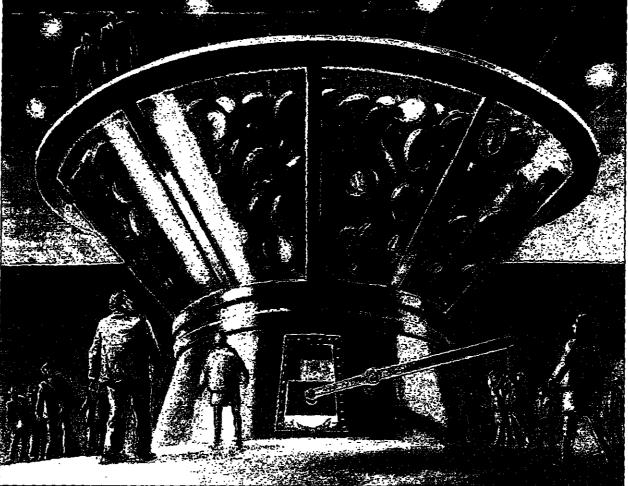
could be on the look out to acquire another life insurance company or another society. It has just completed the takeover of the mutual insurer. Clerical Medical

The five-year rule is designed to give societies time to adjust to the rigours of the stock market. In abandoning it, Halifax will have more freedom to use its free capital. which could be as much as £2.5 billion, as it chooses.

The only UK-quoted company that might consider launching a takeover is HSBC, the international bank and the parent of Midland

Prudential, the mighty life and pensions house which is still believed to be pursuing the Woolwich Building Society, might approach Halifax with the offer of a merger.

The Alliance & Leicester Building Society is anticipating floating at the beginning of next year. Members will next week receive notification of the decide on conversion. This meeting is expected to be held Girobank.



in December. This society has 3.5 million members and is expected to have a market capitalisation of £2.5 billion. No details have yet been released about the share distribution. The society announced its conversion plans in April of

Mr Thomas does not have such a strong argument for holding on to these shares post-conversion because it is The society also owns irrhank. Through Giroowns

bank, the society has 25 per cent of the commercial money transfer market," he added. The Alliance & Leicester may not be as immune from predators as the Halifax and could be taken over before the conversion goes through. The most likely time for a bid would be when the transfer document is sent out, which will be next week. Alliance & Leicester held talks with Scotbility of setting up a joint venture, as, unlike some of the

other big societies, Alliance & Leicester does not have a wellestablished financial services

The society does not intend to abandon its five-year protection from bidders. A spokeswoman said: "We believe we can continue the concept of a building society while being a public company, and five years' protection will give us time to develop our business

Mr Thomas believes Alliance & Leicester could become a takeover target after five years. The average payout per saver is estimated at £800.

The Woolwich Building Society is planning to float by next summer. It announced its plans for conversion on January 11, controversially backdating the qualifying date to the end of 1995. It has around four million members and is expected to have a market capitalisation of £3 billion. It is tion and variable share distri-

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will be given enough warning to top up their balances to get the maximum they can from

Again the Woolwich will be offering a dealing service for its members. Mr Thomas said: "There is

not such a compelling argument for holding on to these shares. Its size will make it a little more difficult to The Prudential is believed to have held talks with Woolwich

about the possibility of take-over before its conversion. Woolwich says it is keen to retain the five years protection. The society has made no secret of the fact that it is keen on making an acquisition. It may buy up another smaller building society or life insurer. The payout is expected to be The Northern Rock Build

ing Society surprised the market by announcing its conversion plans at the beginning of April this year. The society has around one million members and will have a market capitalisation of El billion. It will hold its special general meeting to vote on conversion early next year.

Again the society has given very few details about the share distribution. Members must have at least £100 in their accounts by the end of this

Mr Thomas believes that the Northern Rock could be taken over before it reaches the

The estimated payout between £700 and £1,000. Bristol & West is to be taken over by the Bank of Ireland. Savers at December 31, 1994 with £100 or more at April 15 this year will get at least £500 in cash, plus a variable distribution related up to balances of £100,000. Some members preference shares or cash. Mr Thomas says: "Take the cash."

Analysts have no time for failed trusts

NEITHER sentiment nor history will be an adequate defence for poor-performing or obsolete investment trusts. say the authors of the latest investment trust annual published today.

Robin Angus and Hamish Buchan, investment trust analysts at NatWest Securities, say that while the sector has much to offer investors there are examples where the interests of fund managers have with those shareholders.

The NatWest pair said they wished that "sometimes trust managers and trust boards were not so tenacious in seeking to find methods of survival for their trusts". They add: "For an invest-

ment trust there are fates worse than death and one of these is to become a long-term 'problem trust', endeavouring to prove itself in some new way and never quite succeeding".

Nevertheless they predict a bright future for some of the sector's stalwarts.

Those tipped under the "buy" banner include generalist trusts, Foreign & Colonial and Baillie Gifford's Monks. Under international, Ivory & Sime's British Empire Securities is favoured.

Overseas Kleinwort Charter (Europe), Fleming American and GT Japan are the

fancied investment trusts. On the venture capital side Electra and Murray Ventures are to the fore.

ROBERT MILLER

Weekend Money is edited by Anne Ashworth

Telekom restricts UK investors

rivate investors in this country will find it very difficult to participate directly in Europe's biggest ever privatisation.

) Deutsche Telekom, the world's third largest telecommunications company, this week unveiled its plans for a pan-European public offering of shares. Investors in the United

Kingdom will be offered a 12 per cent stake in the share issue, which is expected to be worth about £! billion. Institutional investors can participate in the issue by contacting one of a number of banks in the United Kingdom. Among them are SBC War-

burg, Dresdner, NatWest, Deutsche Morgan Grenfell and Schroder.

The telecoms group is not concentrating its marketing efforts on trying to attract

private UK investors. Instead discounts and incentives which have become the hallmark of privatisations in this country, will only be offered to private investors through the German banks. Anyone wanting to apply for shares through this route will have to open a German bank account. Already 3.3 million private investors in Germany have

Many of the biggest stock-brokers in the United King-dom will be applying for shares through the institutional placing. They will then be able to pass them on to their private clients. Anyone who buys shares through this route will not be eligible for the discounts enjoyed by other small shareholders. Stockbrokers also point out that there are problems associated with

trading in the shares of European companies. Although Deutsche Telekom will be registered on the London Stock Exchange as well as the German and US exchanges, any sale of shares has to go through the European settlement system which can be expensive and could wipe out

athew Orr, of Killik registered an interest in the & Co. the stockbro-kers, said: "It may well be that you could end up holding a small number of shares where the transaction and custody charges will be very high." One of the other ways of participating in the issue is to invest via a European unit or investment trust which may also be bidding for the shares. For instance. Kleinwort

Benson's European Privatisa-

tion Investment Trust (Kepit) which is in the process of being restructured, is plan-

ning to apply for some stock.

Most analysts agree that
Deutsche Telekom shares, like the shares in most of the UK's privatisations, will move to a premium immediately.

The shares are expected to be priced in the range of £10 to ELZ (DM25 to DM30). The unofficial grey market for shares was earlier this week indicating that the price could reach £16. The long-term outlook for the company also looks promising. It has pledged to shed jobs and diversify globally to counter-act the effects of increasing local competition. It, like BT, is in the powerful position of owning the network which its rivals will have to lease.

CAROLINE MERRELL



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The trouble with Euro-lunacy sto-PERSONAL ries - all those straight cucumovers of those companies in which venture capitalists hold stakes, and the INVESTOR turnovers of those banks or insurers that

bers and the threat to the British banger - is that the true dangers can become submerged under a tide of fiction. One of Britain's most successful business innovations is under threat from the misdirected meddling of the Eurocrats, for reasons that seem to have more to do with well-meaning confusion than any real malice. This has to do with the technical regulations created by the EU to govern

hased on market share; if you have more than a quarter of any market, you have to justify any further expansion. On the Continent they do things differently. The EU looks at the turnover of the rties involved. A complex formula neans if the businesses have combined worldwide sales of five billion ecus, or £3.9 billion, and two or more have combined sales of 250 million ecus in Europe, the

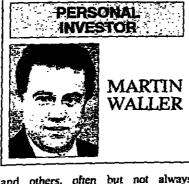
deal must be taken to the Commission -

a tiresome and prolonged business

company takeovers. Our own rules are

because there is an automatic suspension period of at least three weeks. It gives rise to what the lawyers call the Sandwich Bar Syndrome. If, say, Siemens and Deutsche Telekom, two of Germany's biggest companies, should choose between them to buy a sandwich har on Bondi Beach, they must first clear it with Brussels even if it has no implications for competition in any

market. Daft, but those are the rules. One of the outstanding successes of the past 15 years has been the British venture capital industry. Firms such as 3i. Schroders, the Prudential, Electra



Cucumbers mask real danger

and others, often but not always controlled and funded by the big banks or insurers, have provided capital to huge numbers of small businesses denied it by other routes, in exchange for a stake. As it happens Europe is as ripe for reconstruction as British business was two decades ago, with masses of small, under-funded, often family companies. British fund managers are increasingly exporting their skills there.

But they are being badly hampered by the Euro-legislation on takeovers, because of the way this is interpreted. When assessing turnover, Brussels includes that of associates in which the party has a controlling investment or that have control of that party. This is to get around those complex cross-holdings so common on the Continent, where company A has a chunk of bank B which owns a bit of manufacturer C and so on, allowing all to present a united front to the outside world. Fair enough; but venture capitalists always

take a holding in their charges. The Eurocrats insist on counting the turnown the venture capitalists. This means almost everyone gets caught in the net.

Two venture groups, acting together as they often do, cannot help the owner of a sandwich bar in Clapham High Street to expand without going to Brussels to ask permission first. Never mind that neither has any holding in another sandwich bar anywhere - the EU rules are all about turnover, remember, not competition.

Tenture capitalists have to move fast, if they are invited to put a new management into a business or support the old one. There is often an auction by the vendor, for example. They cannot be bothered with filling in a long form and waiting around for the deal to be waved through by Brussels. The result is that they are having to get around these wholly unnecessary re-

strictions by various artificial means. The situation can only get worse, because Brussels is pushing to drop those turnover thresholds that trigger interference to three fifths of their current levels. John Bridgeman, head of the Office of Fair Trading, is fighting a gallant rearguard action — he was on the stump again in Berlin this week warning of the "unpleasant side effects" of reducing those thresholds. But there is no certainty he will succeed.

Angels tread carefully, page 32

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Fiona Bawdon relates her rather reluctant attempts to become a landlord

Tenants problem? Ours is trying to find some

tories about landlords being stuck with tenants who refuse to move at the end of their lease are legion. Recently Weekend Money reported on an elderly lady plagued by "The tenants who will not go".

However, anyone tempted by the new Buy to Let mortgage scheme, launched by the Association of Residential Letting Agents (Arla) and leading lenders, should be aware that getting rid of unwanted tenants may not be the only difficulty they could face as

That which my partner and I are facing is the exact opposite — it is not that we cannot get them out but that we cannot get them in in the first place.

We have been trying unsuccessfully to let a two-bedroom flat in north London since August. Unlike the people who have contacted Aria about the new scheme - but like thousands of other property owners in recent years reluctant landlords.

The flat was bought at the height of the property boom in 1988 and it is now worth considerably less than the mortgage. Selling it is not an option. However, as it is such a nice flat and has just been refurbished and redecorated, we assumed that, so long as we were asking a realistic rent. we would have no difficulty letting it. At first, it seemed it was going to be ridiculously



Let down flat: Fiona Bawdon with Tim Potter, her partner, and son Caleb, at the north London flat they are trying to rent out

easy. We had would-be tenants seeking us out even before the refurbishment was finished. Two friends of a friend approached us. They had just left college and were looking for a flat to share. Although one had yet to find a job, we were happy to go ahead because they seemed so reliable and could provide guarantors - The rent was agreed.

references taken up and an assured shorthold tenancy agreement was drawn up by our solicitor. However, on the appointed day, instead of receiving a signed contract, we got a curt typewritten note from one saying that, as her friend had no guarantee of getting a job (something we had all known from the outset)

she had suddenly decided to stay in Singapore with her family rather than come back to London. They would not. therefore, be wanting the flat after all. My partner spotted them soon afterwards in our local veterinary surgery. So we approached a local letting

He was confident the flat would be easy to let. Since then, we have had a succession of people who have all loved it and been very keen - and

dropped out at the last minute. One pair, we were informed by the agents, liked the flat but 'wanted a shower". Tell them to find a flat with a shower, we said. Soon after, another pair - mid 20s, steady jobs - said they wanted it. We arranged to meet them. They appeared fine. The next day, one of them called. Since the previous day, it seems his friend had made up with his girlfriend and instantly decided they should the three of them moved in?

Actually, yes. Next up were two designers. They also loved the flat and were very keen. References were provided. They wanted to move in two weeks. We arranged a meeting. They seemed very nice and just when we thought we'd covered everything, one of them mentioned that they wanted to

swap the rooms around; to them. It was left that they make the second bedroom the sitting room and vice versa. "My boyfriend's helping me move. He's very strong," she said hopefully. He'd need to be: two burly removal men had struggled to up-end the sofabed to get it through the door. Somehow we doubted her and her boyfriend's ability to perform a similar exercise. The more we thought about what else would be involved dismantling and moving a double bed, shifting a wardrobe and chest of drawers. removing the feet from the

We drew the line when two designers said they wanted to redesign our flat

solabed, taking two doors off

their hinges (and probably dismantling a set of shelves in the hallway to create enough space) - and the more we thought about our newly plastered and painted walls, the isly we shook our

Of the next pair of would-be tenants, one worked at the BBC; the other described himself as a "corporate co-ordinator" — a salesman. The meeting went well. No mention of showers or moving furniture; both their respective girlfriends seemed safely ensconced in flats of their own. They seemed happy. We liked

would fax back details of references to the letting agent the next day. "This could be

it." we thought. The next morning the agent called. The BBC man was very happy and wanted to go ahead. However, the salesman wanted us to pay their local council tax for a marginally higher rent than agreed. As this would have cost us £600 we said forget it.

Buying or selling a house is widely recognised as one of life's most stressful events beaten only by bereavement and divorce. If our experience is anything to go by, letting a flat isn't far behind. We do not currently have

any choice about being landlords but anyone voluntarily embarking on such a course would be wise to do it with his eyes open. Apart from the frustration involved, finding tenants is time-consuming (particularly if you don't use agents to do the initial screening and chase the references) - something anyone (like us) working full time and with family commitments, should bear in mind. It may also take longer than you think to find suitable tenants. Even a delay of a few weeks in getting rental income may throw out the calculations of those on a tight

We remain, however, undaunted. I have just put the We now have our first cohabithave just paid their (non-returnable) holding deposit and want to arrange a meeting. The only thing is, says the agent, "He really loves the flat but she hasn't seen it yet . . .'



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Some rather expensive advice ost people with a current account think they already have a bank manager with whom they can ar-range overdrafts, discuss deposit accounts, and get investment advice. So Nat-West's announcement this week that customers who

want a really personal service will have to pay £150 for the privilege must have come as a surprise to many. Banks would love to charge for current ac-counts, even for those people who stay in credit, but it would be a brave chief executive indeed who introduced a blanket charge. So get ready for more accounts with "lifestyle benefits" of the type launched by NatWest. The

annual fee on the bank's Advantage Premier ac-count includes free travel insurance, commission-free travel money and a 25 per cent reduction on meals some restaurants. But the latter appears to be of dubious value. Will those wealthy enough to take a £150 bank charge in their stride really want to start quibbling over the meal bill at the end of the evening?

Kepit kaput

THE flotation of Deutsche Telecom has come too late to save the beleaguered Kleinwort Benson European Privatisation Trust (Kepit), from being radically restructured. By today.



MARIANNE CURPHEY Personal Finance Deputy Editor

stocks in Europe. DT pro-mises to net its domestic followers millions of marks

of instant profit, although

as we report on page 29, British investors will find

Kepit shareholders must have sent back forms indicating whether they wish to reinvest in son of Kepit, take cash, or transfer into an M&G European unit

trust.

It is a cruel irony for Kepit's managers that DT will probably be an enormous success. The original Kepit portfolio aimed to invest only in privatisation easier to reap the benefits by purchasing shares via a European investment trust. Kepit, launched on the back of successful British privatisations, came a crop-per because its investment

attracted so much capital that it ran out of decent quality stocks in which to invest. The management must also take some blame for the trust's failure signif-icandly to cut the gap be-tween the fund's net asset value and its share price.

But DT may well mark a turning point in European privatisations: it is the largest privatisation in Europe's history and the first one in Germany to be aimed specifically at the retail market. Meanwhile Spain and other countries have now moved to put safety nets under their

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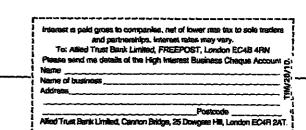
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Bristol apology for months of delay

Sara McConnell reports on a

couple who almost lost a new

home through a tardy lender

A couple whose mortgage application took Bristol & West four months to process are demanding compensation from the society and lodging a formal complaint. Clare Dryland and Antony Harrington, first-time buyers from north London, say Bristol & West's delays nearly cost them their new flat. Ms Dryland and Mr Har-

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rington contacted Weekend Money after revelations last weekend that some lenders were taking months to process mortgage applications. Royal Bank of Scotland agreed to pay £450 compensation to a couple who had faced a twomonth delay, after the intervention of The Times.

B&W claimed it had overcome earlier delays in the summer by training extra staff and allocating more resources to turning around applications. It promised a 14-day turnaround in most cases. But it took Ms Dryland and

Mr Harrington from June 2 to October 9 to receive a formal mortgage offer. The couple are buying a one-bedroom flat in a north London for E90,000. They wanted a loan of £80,000 and chose Bristol & West because it had a competitive firsttime buyer five-year fixed rate. Delays started in the first

month when B&W objected to the couple's solicitor on the ground that he was a sole practitioner and therefore unacceptable to carry out the society's legal work. Mr Harrington and Ms Dryland had to pay him off and start again with a new solicitor. Bristol & West was unable to explain why it did not make any objection at the beginning.

It took two months for the survey to be completed, including special reports demanded on the new flat by the surveyor. The flat was valued at only £85,000 which meant the couple were borrowing a larger amount of the property's value.

This made them incligible for the original fixed rate of 6.95 per cent until 2001 which had first attracted them. B&W said there were "problems" with the property but could not explain satisfactorily why the survey and reports took so long.

Credit checks on the couple did not start until the beginning of September. The society Weekend Money that there was a seven-day delay because it was behind with its administration and so could not meet its 48-hour target turnaround time. But it



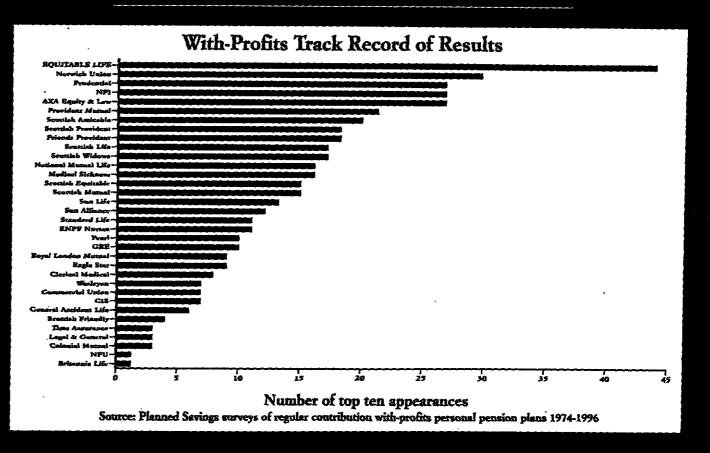
blamed a further three-week wait until October 9 on the couple's own circumstances, saying the case was "compli-cated" because Mr Harrington was self-employed, which he has been for five years.

Mr Harrington was forced to supply extra documentation because his accounting year had ended in June. B&W agreed it had other self-employed customers but could not confirm whether it had stardard procedures for dealing with the self-employed.

The formal offer finally went out on October 9. Ms Dryland said: "My overall impression is of incompetence and a lacklustre approach. We supplied all the bank statements and everything they wanted. Julie Clifford of AJ Buckley, a financial adviser of Godalming, Surrey, who handled their mortgage applica-tion, said: This should have been straightforward but it was incredibly slow. B&W kept coming back piecemeal for more information. It was not making any effort, very much passing the buck from the branch to head office."

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David Rudnick on the risks and benefits of aiding small business

Angels tread carefully

survive without the "angels" who put money into shows. But business angels can become involved in a myriad of companies hungry for start-up money or capital.

If you have some spare cash and want to capitalise on your professional or managerial skills you can provide seed capital for small businesses with innovative products.

There are substantial tax benefits under the Government's Enterprise Investment Scheme: angels who retain their company shares for at least five years are exempt from capital gains tax (CGT). Also, 20 per cent of the sum angels invest is deductible from their income tax liability, and should an angel suffer a loss selling his stake he can choose to offset it against income tax or CGT. However, small businesses

are vuinerable to cashflow problems, changes in the market and rising interest rates. It is a risky investment so do not rely on it for your future. Keep most of your savings in safer — and more liquid — form. Patrick Dunne, a director at

3i, the venture capital group that partners Independent Angels, says: "There are potentially exciting returns but high risks too. You are locked in

holder - you can't exit whenever you like." His advice: "Look for capital growth rather than income and above all don't invest money you can't afford to lose."

Business angels tend to be middle-aged executives who have been made redundant or have taken early retirement. Some get in on the act informally through their accountant or solicitor, golf club or Rotary connections. But formal introductory services are starting to replace this

The British Venture Capital Association (0171-240 3846) publishes an annual directory that helps would be business

entrepreneurs seeking cash. The introduction services listed are in effect financial marriage brokers enabling angels to identify and assess investment opportunities

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far Linc has raised £8 million of equity for UK companies.

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subscription fee of £150 a year (£125 by standing order), for a monthly Line bulletin listing new business opportunities nationwide. They are also invited to presentations where entrepreneurs plead their case

for angel capital. In London Line is represented by the London Enterprise Agency (Lenta), a consortium of 20 large companies that aims to fill the equity gap faced by small businesses. Lenta's presentation last week featured five companies competing for the favour of 26 assembled angels, most of them male, middle-aged and middle-class.

The companies included a financial services broker; a weekly news magazine; a start-up venture selling business training programmes; a company seeking to develop computerised office-cleaning equipment, and a tour company wanting to launch tailormade holidays.

In bringing together investors with diverse experience, the presentation enabled them to make the most of each other's expertise. Presenters knew that anything vague or potentially misleading in their business plan would be taken apart at question time.

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Jagdish Sondhi, left, and Mike Roberts have staked £16,000

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MIKE ROBERTS and Jagdish Sondhi, both in their late lifties, have each staked £8,000 in My Pal Toys, a husbandand-wife venture selling small children's toys. Midland Bank's Enterprise Fund has also put up £8,000. They heard about My Pal

Toys at a Linc presentation. "They showed us the product." said Mr Sondhi, "and although I have no real knowledge of the toy industry I noticed everyone wanted to play with it. If a toy appeals to adults it should appeal even more to children, but in any case it's adults who pay for it." Mr Sondhi, who previously sold sports equipment, says his sales and marketing experience enabled him to see the product's potential, but he still took another marketing man along for a second opinion when he

cynical about conventional savings and investment vehicles." He has no background in toys "hut I have children and we've all been kids". He was attracted by the by the presenters' performance. He still paid several visits to their workshop before committing himself, encouraged by the

visited the firm's premises in

Hackney, east London. Mr Roberts, who took early retirement, said: "I got bored - I was too

old to be employed and too

Midland's participation.

Both investors are seeking long-term capital growth rather than instant income. "Being an angel takes more time and effort than one might expect," Mr Roberts said.

'Good value for someone on learning curve'

CHRIS ELY, 36, is a former Eurobond trader. He read about Linc in a newspaper and this was his first presentation. He described it as 2000 value for someone on a learning curve". He wants to invest £50,000 to £100,000 and is interested in the publisher of Virtual Reality training programmes, "They're in a business where there's a race and the rewards are greatest for winners."



Ely: winner's rewards

Are you leaving your heirs less tax more inheritance?

Naturally you want to leave all of your estate to your family or dependants or at least to someone of your choosing.

But the truth is that without some forward planning your heirs will receive only what is left after the Inland Revenue take their share in the form of Inheritance Tax when you die.

And that share can be quite dramatic.

For example, on an estate of £600,000 (including house, contents, personal effects, stocks and shares, bonds, trusts, cash, life assurance and any inheritances) the Exchequer stands to be an equal beneficiary. If there were three children each would receive almost £150,000 but the Exchequer would take £160,000. And it gets worse; above £200,000 the rate is a flat

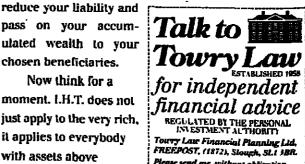
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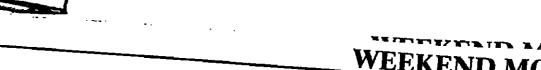
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Caroline Merrell assesses switching investments to America Land of promise may very well disappoint

days away, the American stock market still shows lew signs of faltering. The Dow Jones industrial average, the stock market's barometer, now stands above

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6,000 — it marks the longest bull run in US history. At the end of 1990, the beginning of this particular rally, the Dow was at 2,365. Many analysts have been predicting a market correction of about 10 per cent or more for the past 18 months. So far, their fears have been

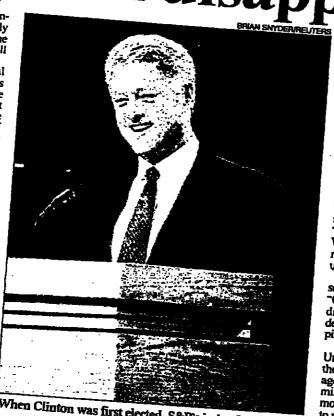
In the summer, the Dow paused for breath, on the back of better than expected unemployment figures. Bizarrely. too much employment in America is not good — it is deemed to be an inflationary factor. Any rise in inflation could lead to an increase in interest rates.

However, the most recent set of jobless figures showed a slight rise in unemployment from 5.1 to 5.2 per cent - both US and UK markets surged

A general election in the United Kingdom is less than six months away, and the uncertainty over how a Labour victory would affect British equities, and in particular privatised utilities, means that some investors may decide to switch out of UK shares.

But analysts have a warning for those looking across the Atlantic US companies are trading on very high earnings multiples — in other words. they are expensive in comparison with expected profits. In addition, earnings growth is slowing down and some believe the recent pace set by

shares is unlikely to continue. The US election may have a temporary effect on market sentiment - when Clinton was elected for the first time four years ago the Standard & Poor's 500 index, which tracks the top 500 US companies, fell from 431 to 416 in six months. Historically, the stock market stays flat or falls slightly



When Clinton was first elected, S&P's index fell 15 points

after an election in the US. UK fund managers who run US unit trusts say the most crucial aspect of the election will be whether the Republicans maintain their slim majority in Congress and the Senate.

Most believe that Clinton will be re-elected. However, if the two houses also fall to Democrat hands, then share prices could react negatively. James Denham, M&G American & General fund manager, said:

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The market was boosted when the Republicans took control of Congress in December 1994. It meant there was a real impetus to tackle the huge budget deficit.

He said that a Democrat

President, Congress and Sen-ale could lead to an increase in ale could lead to an increase in public spending on health and welfare and higher taxes. The more right-wing Republican Congress and Senate act to keep this trend in check. He believes that despite the Whitewater scandal the single. Whitewater scandal, the situation will continue as before. The feeling is that, despite the Whitewater scandal, the current status quo will be contin-ued." he said.

Duncan Byatt, Gartmore's senior US fund manager, said: One of the other factors driving up the market is that demand for stock is outstrip-

oemand for stock is outsiripping supply."

The biggest investors in United States companies are the mutual funds, which man age pensions on behalf of millions of investors. This money is expected to continue to pour into the market, as the baby-boom generation, those aged 30 to 40, begins seriously to plan for retirement over the next 30 years.

Even if the mutual funds decided they could make more money for their clients by investing incoming money in another country, any such move is likely to be temporary. It is also highly unlikely that the money already invested in US stocks by the mutual funds would switch out.

Mr Denham coid-grap a

Mr Denham said: "The flow of this money may slow down, if better value is to be found by investing in other markets overseas, but it will not be switched off."

Anyone pondering US investment as a hedge against Labour should note the currency risk. If you invest a lump sum now and the pound gains against the dollar, as it is doing at the moment, then you will lose out Investing via a savings plan will iron out some currency volatility.

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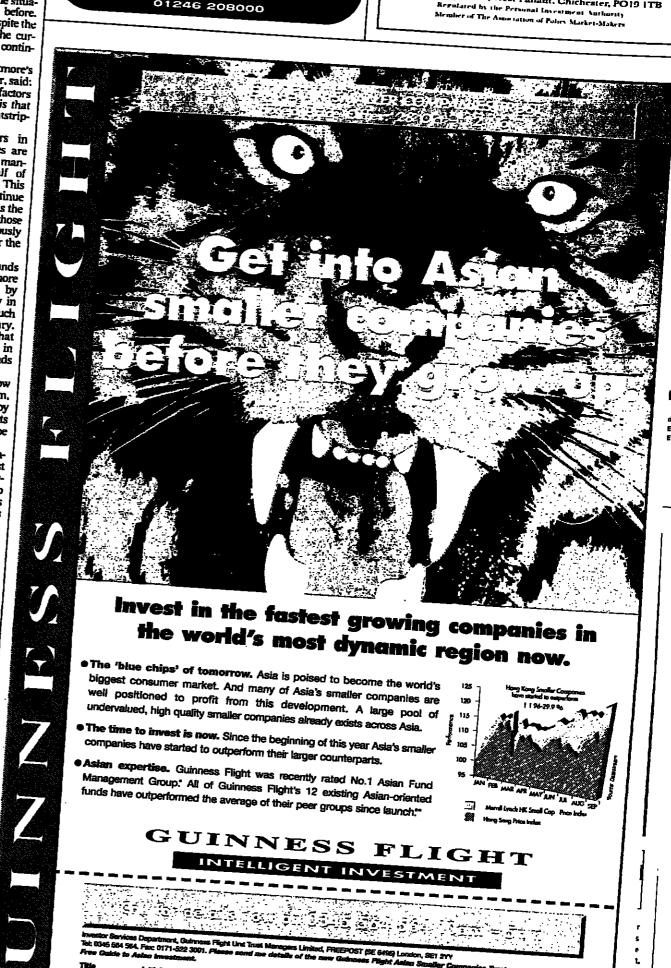
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Private investor's Labour pains



our government is

worrying even those who have voted for the party in the past. Ron Keevil from Middlesex is concerned about the effect of Labour economic policies on He said: "I am 67, a former

Labour voter and have lived through past Labour governments, so I know what to expect. If it looks as though Labour are going to win the general election. I would like to shift some of my limited capital away from inflation. which I believe will rise, and to shield it from any loss in investor confidence that I believe will follow.

"I would also like to es-cape from the inevitable collapse of the single curren-cy. I have no confidence in any currency that includes the lira and drachma. My favoured safe haven is the United States."

Independent financial adisers do not hold with Mr Keevil's views. Amanda Daridson, a partner at IFA Holden Mechan, said: "This

Labour government is likely to be very different from any other and it is true to say that past performance truly is no guide to the future.

We would recommend UK-based unit trusts invested in the United States. The funds we like are F&C Hypo US Smaller Companies, Schroder US Smaller Companies and Gartmore American Emerging, which have all performed well. We have opted for small company funds, but, in the United States, smaller companies are fairly sizeable by com-parison with United Kingdom smaller companies." She does point out the cur-rency risk in any foreign in-

Ian Millward, from Chase de Vere, suggests UK invest-ments. He said: "Galloping inflation can be countered by investment in either indexlinked gilts or the current issue of index-linked National

Savings Certificates. The US may be a safe haven in terms of the dollar, but the stock market is





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Teacher learns how to plan for a happier retirement

her Weekend Money Financial Fitness Test more than £500 better off than when she arrived. Ms Williams is in her mid-40s and newly livorced. Although her two children are grown up, she was advised that she was still eligible to claim the single parent allowance from the Inland Revenue for the two years since her decree nisi because her 20-year-old daughter is in full-time education.

It remained to be seen whether Vivienne Starkey from Haddock Porter & Partners, the independent adviser conducting the money makeover, could perform similar magic in other areas of Ms Williams's finances.

Ms Williams's main concern is to find a suitable vehicle for her money to maximise provision for her retirement. She was aware. however, that she had left it rather late to start putting money into a pension. What other options might be available? "Pensions are something that have never interested me

Ms Williams is a school teacher, but only joined the

scheme in September 1994. She currently puts £95 of her net monthly salary of £1,075 into the scheme — but was not sure whether it is money well spent. She owns a property in the South East of England worth about £80,000 on which there is no mortgage, and has a £40,000 lump sum as part of her divorce settlement. She needs all her income to live -

used to plan for retirement? "I'm not interested in pension planning because at my age it's not really worthwhile. according to what I've seen," she says. At the moment, her teacher's pension is on target to provide an income of about £3,000 a year. Given this, she said: "I think I'd rather just spend the money."

Ms Starkey said she was

perhaps being a little too quick

so how could this lump sum be

to dismiss an income of this amount. "What's the state pension? Around £3,000 a year. So already you've doubled your annual retirement income," she said. And, although small, the pension will keep its buying linked, she added. "You could

be retired an awfully long

doubted, which was another reason why she was not keen on a pension, "Most teachers die a year or so after retirement. I would want my children to be able to inherit," she said. She was also loathe to commit any more of her in-

to be costed. These were: buying "extra years" in the teachers' scheme (which would put her in a similar position to someone who had been paying in for a longer period): making an additional voluntary contribution into the teachers' scheme (which is run by the come to a pension. "Having Prudential); making a free-



been married for 25 years and restricted myself, I don't want

to have to scrimp now." Ms Starkey agreed there should be a balance between having enough money now to enjoy a reasonable lifestyle and planning ahead. "Who wants graveyard?" If Ms Williams raised her pension provision, there were three possible routes standing additional voluntary contribution. Or she could do nothing. "You may well decide to do nothing, but you should look at all the options and make an informed decision,"

she said. So what other possibilities were there for Ms Williams's E40,000? Much would depend on her attitude to risk. "I'd like high income and no risk," she

said simply - something to which all investors aspire. However, Ms Williams knows first hand that the value of investments can go down as well as up. Although she and her husband made some successful investments during their married life, they made other decisions which fared less well. "I have lost capital on a couple of occasions. It's made

me more cautious," she said. With this in mind, Ms Starkey recommended dividing her lump sum into three tranches. The first should continue to be kept in a building society, in case of emergencies.

Ms Williams reckoned she would need about £10,000 instantly available to be able to sleep easily. The second tranche should be invested where it would work harder for her, but still be available quickly if needed. Ms Starkey suggested putting the maximum annual allowance into a

So long as she does not touch the capital for five years, this would pay her a tax-free return of around 7 per cent. The final tranche of money

Starkey suggested a regular premium Pep which, again, would be tax-free. Unit trusts or other forms of collective investments might also be

worth considering, she said. Assuming an annual Pep return of 9 per cent gross, by age 60 Ms Williams's entire portfolio, including her teacher's pension, could generate a retirement income of nearly 50 per cent of her final salary. Ms Starkey calculated. Not a fortune, but hopefully enough to live on reasonably comfortably.

However, Ms Starkey added a proviso. "Do not rush into anything. Anyone who has just been through the upheaval of divorce (even if they have left it late to plan for their retirement) should wait before tying up their money for any length of time. A career change, followed by a divorce, followed by buying and refurnishing a flat is probably enough for Ms Williams to be getting on with.

Waiting a few months before you decide what to do with your money won't hurt. Remember, you've got to feel comfortable with whatever you do."

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Drawbacks of a Bill designed to reform leasehold

POTENTIAL flatowners reluctant to buy leasehold property in case of difficulties with unscrupulous landlords and high service charges may be able to buy their flats freehold under a new system of commonhold ownership.

The Commonhold Bill, which received the parliamentary go-ahead in this week's Queen's Speech, would allow individuals in blocks of flats to become freehold owners in their own right. They would collectively be responsible for repairs, maintenance and insurance through a commonhold association. Their rights and responsibilities would be set out in a simple standard document, rather than an often complex lease.

The Government sees commonhold as a way of overcoming well-publicised problems with the leasehold system. Flatowners already have the right collectively to buy the freehold of their block. But even if they do this. they are still bound by the terms of their lease and have to set up a separate legal company to own the freehold. Leases would not exist in a

commonhold system. But campaigners for leasehold reform give warning that flatowners risk losing many of their hard-earned rights if the Bill goes through Parliaallowing existing leaseholders to convert to commonhold are also so cumbersome that few will be tempted to go through the process. Under the Bill:

■ You will only be able to convert to commonhold as an existing leaseholder if you first collectively buy your freehold.

If you do decide to convert to commonhold you will not be covered by any of the new leaseholders' rights enshrined in the 1996 Housing Act. These include the right to challenge service charges at a Leasehold Valuation Tribunal and the right to have charges ruled as reasonable by an LVT before facing the threat of losing your home. ■ There is no independent disputes procedure as there is in other countries where

commonhold operates. Your only recourse as an individual against fellow freeholders will be through the courts. Your fellow flatowners will have the right to enter your home on a number of pretexts

without a court order or right Lenders will be allowed to have "negative voting rights" although you are meant to be

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Fight for bonuses continues

ampaigners fighting for the rights of dis-abled and elderly people excluded from bonuses from building society conver-sions are keeping up the pressure on ministers and the building societies ombudsman for a change in the rules.

This week political expedi-ency temporarily dashed campaigners' hopes as legislation designed to overcome the ex-clusions was dropped from the Queen's Speech.

The new draft Building Societies Bill would have allowed anyone named on an account to qualify for a bonus, not just the first named. The Bill may be resurrected after the general election but would almost certainly come too late for excluded members of soci-eties which have already an-nounced schemes, including the Halifax, the Alliance & Leicester, the Woolwich and the Northern Rock.

In August The Times exposed the plight of residents in nursing homes, hospitals and hostels who are unable to operate their own building society accounts. The account has to be in the name of a member of hostel or hospital staff with the resident as the second named. Under current rules governing conversion bonuses, only the first named qualifies for a payout of free shares or cash.

Many staff members in hospitals and hostels are the first named on residents' accounts but they only qualify



Hazel Ward and her handicapped son, Matthew, who is set to lose out on bonuses

for one payout, based on the bonus. David Gilchrist, genertotal of the sums in all the accounts. If they hold an account in their own name. they have to decide whether to take the bonus on their own account or on those of residents. If staff change and the account is closed and reopened in the name of a new member of staff, the bonus is lost because the account has not

been open continuously.
Societies claim they are bound by the law and that they have to stick to the parameters

set when deciding who gets a

al manager of the Halifax, said: "We are not discriminating against the disabled. Under current building society law you have to name a member for a payout."

But there are clear signs that the campaign for the rights of disabled building society members has the sympathy of ministers and the ombudsman and that pressure will continue for a change in the law.

Tom Clarke, Shadow Minister for the Disabled, is planning to set down a parlia-

mentary question on the issue in the next few weeks, after correspondence with Ray Ward, a Weekend Money reader, Mr Ward's disabled son, Matthew, is set to lose out on bonuses from his Halifax and Alliance & Leicester accounts because he is not the first named member.

Mr Ward has campaigned unceasingly in the media for changes. Pam Hannam, honorary secretary of Bristol Mencap, another active campaigner, has set up a meeting with William Waldegrave,

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account, and reviewing the

situation when that time

comes round, when you do

not necessarily have to carry

out the withdrawal. In that

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greater flexibility than fixed-



Chief Secretary to the Treasury and MP for the Clifton constituency in Bristol.

Brian Murphy, the building societies ombudsman, is review ing a number of cases relating to the Halilax payout to see if his interpretation of the present rules differs from that of the Halifax, But he confesses that his powers are limited. In a letter to Ms Hannam, he says: The ombudsman can only consider complaints that relate to the operation or termination of an account. This means he cannot question the terms of any change in a society's business status including the terms on which bonuses become payable under any such change in

The fall of the Building Societies Bill will mean Mr Murphy will be constrained by the existing law limiting payouts to first named members. The proposed Bill would have dramatically extended his powers and the rights of second named account holders but would still not have included powers to intervene in disputes over

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Tempting accounts contain penalties

hile interest rates remain low, the number of notice ounts which appear to offer juicier rates of interest has grown. But while acknowledging savers' concerns about where interest rates are going and their subsequent desire for short-term accounts, building societies have been

bending the rules somewhat. Take the latest savers' account launched this week by the West Bromwich "for smaller investors". The 30 Day Savings Account, boasts the society, combines "competitive rates of interest - up - with penalty-free instant access to funds". That is not

quite accurate. There is penalty-free instant access to funds but only twice a year (up to £250 in cash or £50,000 by cheque). After that any withdrawals are subject to the loss of 30 days' interest.

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eanwhile the Woolwich has been forced to backtrack slightly on its 60-day notice account. Last month The Times pointed out that, apart from one instant withdrawal a year, there is a 60-day loss of interest on all further withdrawals. Again "60-day" does not indicate the notice period.

The society is writing to account holders to explain that they can now at least close their Postal 60 account without penalty, as long as they give 60 days' notice in writing. "It used to be that, the longer the notice period, the better the rate. But, reflecting general jitters in the market about interest rates, that is not the case at the moment," says Christine Bayliss, investment editor of MoneyFacts. "The best rates are from short-term

postais accounts. For a combination of short notice and good rates the best are currently Cheltenham & Gloucester's Direct 30 (5.5 to 6.3 per cent gross) and Chelsea's Post-tel 20 Day (6.05 to 6.3 per cent). Nottingham's Direct Reserve (6.1 to 6.4 per cent) has been so popular since its launch a month ago that this week it

The West Bromwich this week also launched a oneyear notice account requiring a minimum investment of £25,000. It pays 5.25 to 6.25 per cent eross but on such a high balance can be bettered by the shorter notice accounts mentioned above and by the Greenwich's One-Year Term which pays 6.5 to 6.85 per cent.

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atWest Bank has denied that the launch of its £150-a-year current account signals the end of free

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Its Advantage Premier account is aimed at "busy high-flyers" earning more than E25,000 a year and follows similar moves by Barclays and Royal Bank of Scotland to offer packaged bank accounts. NatWest hopes to attract 100,000 new and existing customers to the service. For the present it is also continuing to run a £85-a-year Gold Plus service for high earners.

The majority of current accounts in the UK are still free for customers who remain in credit. However, a recent survey predicted that banks were likely to abandon the concept of free banking in the future and instead offer customers a paid-for bank account with free medical and travel insurance thrown in.

NatWest said this week that, although borrowers were subsidising current account holders by paying higher than necessary interest rates, free banking was still extremely popular in the UK. David McLean, head of personal banking, said: We have no plans at present to end free

Despite the millions of pounds spent on advertising, banks concede privately that there is little to distinguish one current account from another.

Paid-for accounts with extra "lifestyle" benefits are seen as a more effective way of branding. After months of testing, Barclays has just rolled its Additions account out nationally. For a charge of £60 a year. Barclays customers receive free overdraft, life cover, and medical insurance. The Royal Bank of Scotland. meanwhile, has been promoting "Royalties", a packaged account launched in April which now has over 85,000 customers. For £4 a month, accountholders get preferential overdraft and personal loan rates. I per cent bonus on lump sum investments and pensions, £100 discount on mortgage arrangement fees and some travel benefits.

High-flyers targeted

This, say observers, is the future of banking. Those customers who pay for a packaged account will be rewarded with a better service and incentives, perhaps in the form of higher interest rates, to buy long-term savings vehicles such as personal equity plans and Tessas (tax-exempt special savings

Meanwhile, Midland Bank and Abbey National say they have no plans for making charges on accounts in credit.

A spokesman for Midland said: "There are not enough people who want to pay for a current account service. In the late 1980s we had a Vector account aimed at people who had a lot of money and wanted the facility for a high-value cheque card and a large overdraft. We scrapped that when times moved on and we do not believe that charging will work now. Instead, we believe the way to keep customers is to offer them lovalty

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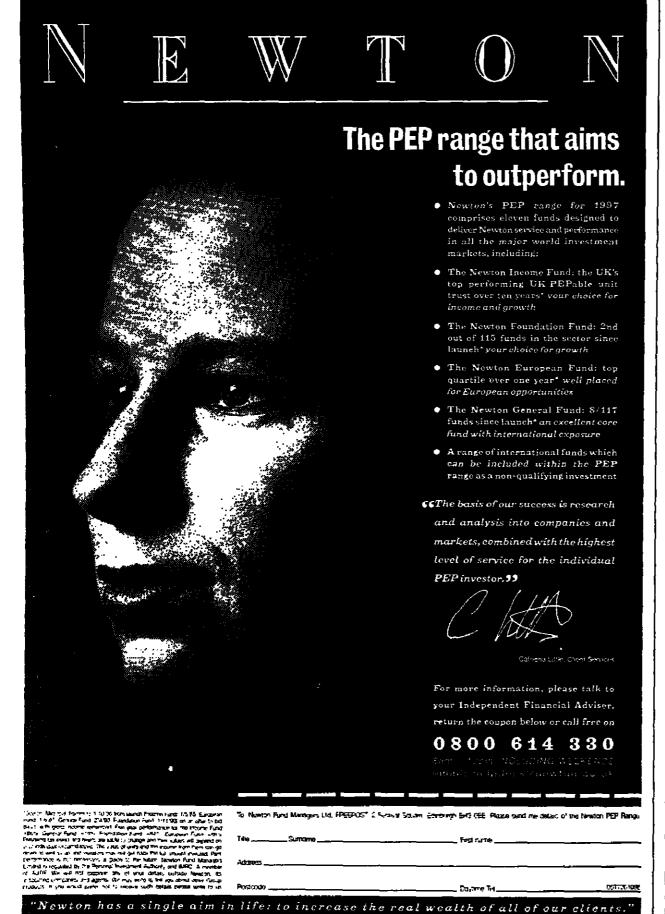
NatWest said its research showed that people would be willing to pay the £150 charge in return for the extra features.

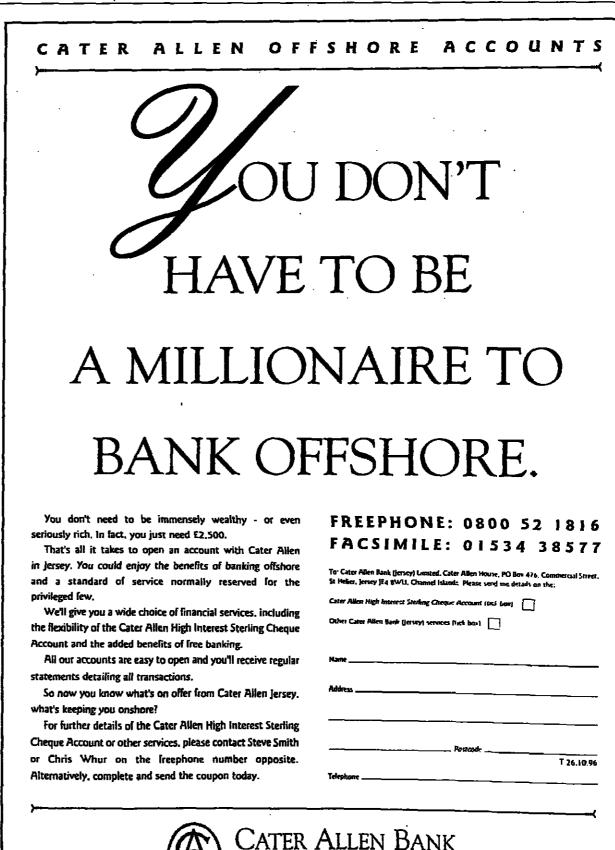
It intends to introduce further paid-for accounts next year. One will cost around £80 annually and will be aimed at around 2.5 million customers who do not fit into the Advantage category but who want extra services. Other accounts will target young graduates and the over-50s. NatWest has also been criticised for

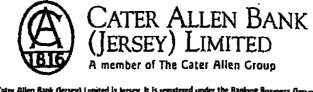
closing branches and transferring customer inquiries to new service centres (see Letters, page 39). Mr McLean said if towns had more than one branch then "rationalisation" did take place, but he said branches were being replaced by telephone, personal computer and television banking.

He denied that people who did not pay for their current account would receive an inferior service. He said the Advantage Premier service was providing an extra tier of service for people who wanted a closer relationship with their bank manager.

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Adam Jones says timing is vital when entering the gilts market

The attraction of hot dates for investors

t is traditional to become obsessed with interest rates and inflation before an election. Investors in gilts have more reason than most to punder these two economic benchmarks. Gilts are stocks issued and backed by the Government. They owe their name to the gilt edging on the paper that records their issue, a mark of the superior credit quality that makes them one of today's safest investments.

Essentially, buyers of gilts are loaning the Treasury money. For the use of their capital, they are paid a fixed amount of interest over two dates each year until the loan reaches the end of its life and the Government repays the original sum of money.

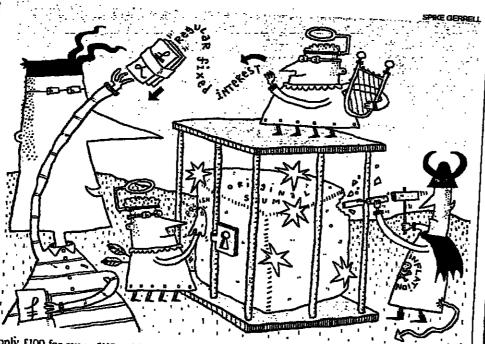
Different gilts will pay different rates of annual interest, sierwise known as coupons. The coupon will be determined by economic conditions at the time of issue. For instance, gilts paying 7 per cent until 2001 were issued early last week in a heavily over-subscribed auction.

The rates will generally be less than those for bonds issued simultaneously by companies, which have a lower credit rating — the security of gov-ernment-backed debt comes at a price. They also have different lifespans, typically up to 25 years. It is these two variable factors - the rate of interest and the time left to run - that create a secondary market where gilts can be bought and sold "second-hand" as opposed to fresh at issue.

A gilt will be attractive to a "second-hand" buyer if it pays more than the prevailing base rate of interest. This will be reflected in the price.

Gilt prices can be found in Times financial pages daily. They are expressed as if you were buying a bundle of gilts that would have cost EIOO at issue. If the fixed rate is good compared with the current base rate, it will cost you more than £100 to buy, even though interest will only be paid on that nominal £100.

For instance the price quoted for Treasury 9 per cent 2008 gilts - which give a 9 per cent return until the year 2008 – was about £110 last week. The extra £10 pays for the favourable interest rate. When the gilt is redeemed, you get



only £100 for every £110 paid. Prices will also be influenced by the amount of time left to run. Gilts are classified as either "shorts" (under five years to run), "mediums" (5 to years) or "longs" (over 15 years). As the redemption date gets close, the traded value

will fall until it reaches £100. The longer you have to run the better. Other gilt information is vital. The yield is a percentage that tells you how much return you get on your capital during the gilt's life, but this cannot take into account

how the value of the lump sum

can fluctuate in the market,

affecting the money retrieved

when you sell. But there is a

long-term yield quoted. The

gross redemption yield will tell

you the percentage return if

you hold the gilt until the end of its life and allow it to be

liquidated by the Government.

At the moment, gross redemp-

tion yields vary between about 6

and 8 per cent. They are

generally less than the current

yields, which range from about

o to 10 per cent, because of the

capital element. The big danger of buying gilts — or any fixed-

The danger is that inflation will

eat into the value of the capital

investment that keeps hold of your money - is that inflation will eat into the real value of the locked-in capital. Add that to the possible anxieties presented by changing interest rates and it becomes clear that timing is vital for gilt purchase. One solution is to buy index-

linked gilts, where the interest rate and the repayment value will rise in line with inflation. The income will be lower but Stephen Lewis of the London Bond Broking Company sees them as a useful

hedging tool before the elec-

tion. Investors could consider

moving out of shares in the

privatisated utilities which are

likely to incur a windfall tax

charge under a Labour gov-

ernment into index-linked

gilts. He says private investors

would be better off looking at

shorts - with a life of up to five

years - than vulnerable, long-

er-term gilts. "Inflation seems

Since gilts cannot be put in a

Pep, they are not very tax-

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are free of capital gains tax. Charges must also be considered, though they are small compared with managed funds. Buying through the National Savings Stock Register using forms held at the Post Office is one approach, although an execution-only service is provided, meaning you cannot get advice on what to buy. It will cost 0.7 per cent on the first £5,000 and 0.375 per cent on the next £5,000; the minimum charge is £12.50.

Stockbrokers and independent financial advisers will generally set a higher minimum, say £20-£40, and a higher percentage commission, about 0.5 per cent to 1.5 per cent. But they will be able to offer advice on what securities are suitable.

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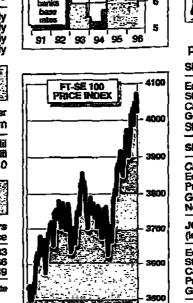
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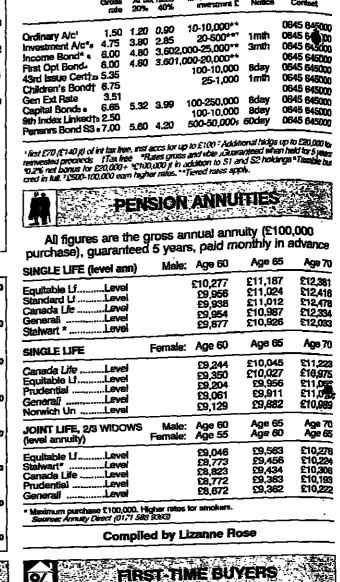
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More recently, I was advised that a new Service Centre had been opened for my branch. By ringing the centre any query would be answered much more efficiently. The other day I needed to make an account inquiry. Preferring my branch (and the very helpful staff there) to handle it, I rang the branch number but was told by prerecorded message that the number had changed. The new number turned out

to be the Service Centre - located more than 15 miles away. Imagine my amazement when a stacking system placed me in a queue and blayed soothing music at my expense until a clerk was available. Is this supposed to

be an improvement? I thought that this kind of faceless service was reserved for volume operators, for exleading financial institution whose interest rates and tariffs always include a loading for quality service. For example, I was recently advised in a His bank is saying the delay is



covering letter with my re-placement Servicecard that the improved design reflected the quality of the underlying

account. The Service Centre told me that the stacking system was about to be removed due to the volume of complaints - what does NatWest expect? When I asked how telephone calls would be answered in future, the reply was the telephones "will just be left to ring".

Mrs Riley, you are right about falling standards in NatWest. But we must not blame the branch staff. They

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simply are not being given the tools to do the job. Surely this is a failing by senior management? Yours truly,

R. A SMETHURST, 12 Highwood Road, Appleton. Warrington, Cheshire.

From Mrs E.A. Daulby

Sir, It was with a mixture of sadness and relief that I read Mrs L.M. Riley's letter concerning NatWest Bank. As an employee of NatWest for 20 years, I felt great sadness that customers feel that the service offered by the bank has deteriorated to such an extent but I also felt a great sense of relief to find that customers recognise that the standards experienced are not the responsibility of the staff on the ground. Mrs Riley is quite correct when she states that staffing has been cut to the bone, and is likely to be cut further, massive amounts of unpaid

stant complaints and are back-ed by what the bank has freely admitted is very poor quality technology. Mrs Riley might be interested to learn that customer complaints are no longer immediately referred to the Regional Office, who would look into the matter and liaise directly with the customer, but by the branch concerned. This has now put the branch staff in the position where they are apologising and trying to justi-fy decisions that are not made by them.

Mrs Riley might also be holders are treated in a better manner than the staff. The dividend has never been cut, yet this year we face a cut in our profit sharing which has been paid ever since I joined the bank.

Mrs Riley might also like to ponder upon the fact that many of our new NatWest colleagues who have joined us from Hambro Magan will be paid massive "golden hand-cuff" payments for the honour of keeping a job which is already well paid in terms of annual salary and enormous bonus payments. Staff in my office face certain redundancy. one of my colleagues who has worked for NatWest for 10 years and has an unblemished service record will be paid £3.100 redundancy and I will receive approximately £16.000

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Yours faithfully ANNE DAULBY, Brooklyn, 12 Elm Road. overtime are worked and mo-Bebington,

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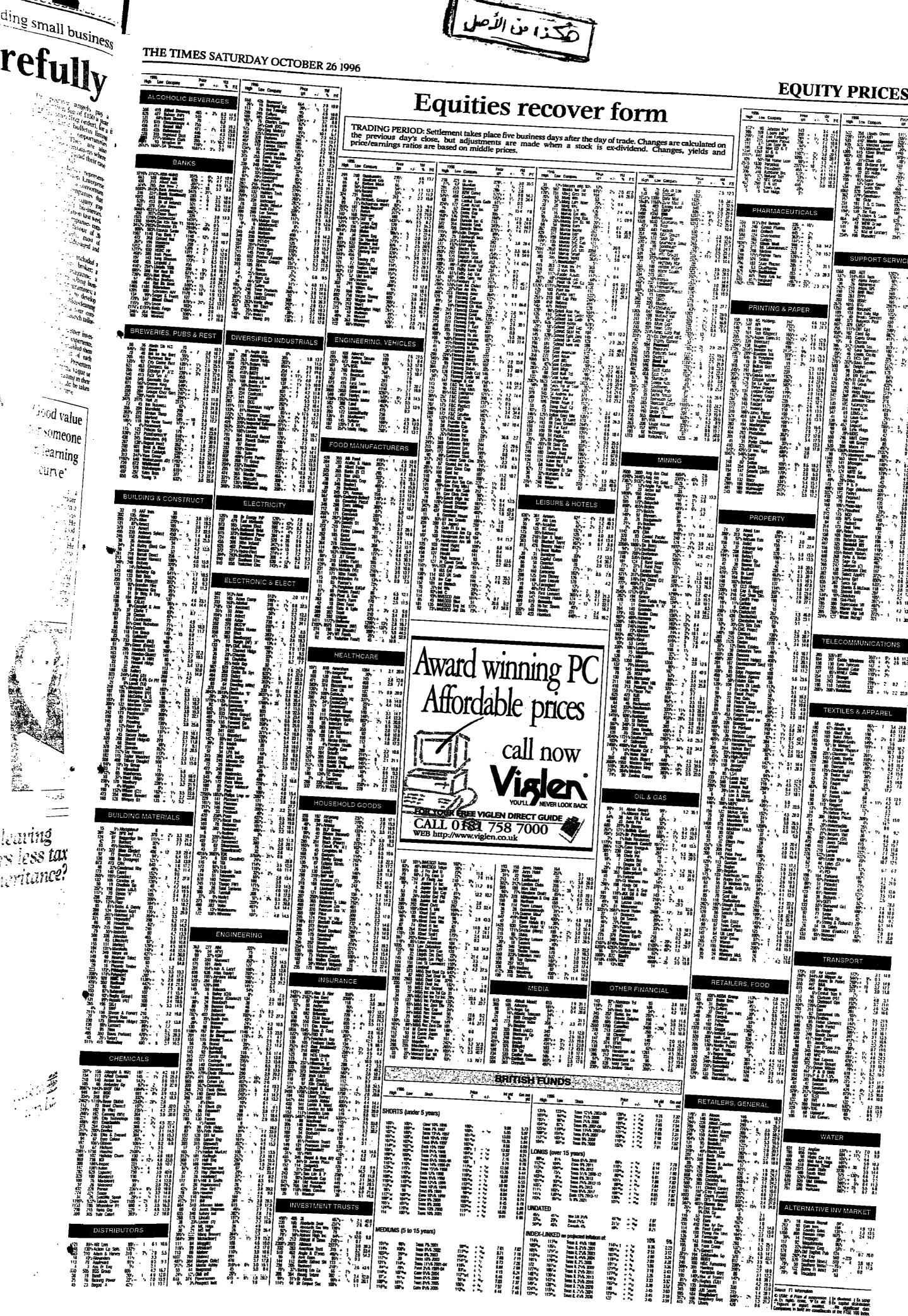
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Wiki seals series win as Britain fall short

RUGBY LEAGUE

Great Britain .

FROM CHRISTOPHER IRVINE IN PALMERSTON NORTH

FOR all the bravery and commitment shown by Great Britain, New Zealand's first series victory since 1984 narrowed down to an edge in quality and a high-class centre whose name is an anagram of Kiwi. Ruben Wiki's two splenmain difference in another dramatic, see-sawing encoun-

ter here yesterday. Britain lacked experience and reached the limit of their youthful potential. The margin was slender, the outcome in doubt until the end, yet the better side prevailed. Although disappointed, Phil Larder was not downbeat. This is a very fine New Zealand side," the Britain coach said. "It wasn't for want of effort that we lost. It hurts, but we're up for the last match at Christchurch next week."

It is easy to imagine that Britain's missing talent might have made the difference, but New Zealand had similar problems and possessed sufficient calibre to turn round a 13-8 half-time deficit.

Unlike the first match, both sets of backs had room to breathe, with New Zealand always the more dangerous. Wiki was brought into the starting line-up ahead of Blackmore, mainly to shore up the defence, but his attacking prowess, in harness with Timu, in the centre, was immense. At half back, Ngamu and Jones finally demonstrated what an excit-

ing combination they are. Although Harris made his most telling contribution of the tour, the one genuine game-breaker Britain had was Goulding, whose kicking game was a mixed bag. The real damage was done in the first half by the forward axis of Farrell and Betts, who created the opening try by Hunte. the back-row pair with smothering tactics in the second half. Britain's attack became hopelessly constrained.

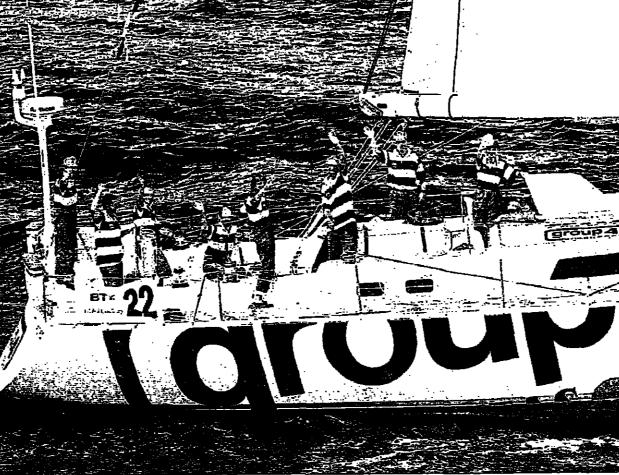
Goulding built on Hunte's try with a dropped goal, before a lost ball by Hunte gave New Zealand the position from which Timu stepped outside Powell and supplied Wiki with his first try. Ridge added the conversion to an earlier penalty, but Betts quickly put Britain back in control after Spruce had spun and fought his way through a thicket of

Apart from a third goal by Goulding, New Zealand, spearheaded in the secondrow by the driving, off-loading force of Kearney. always looked like securing victory after the break. Hoppe had fumbled a scoring chance in the opening minutes, but there were no more mistakes once Kearney put away Wiki, who eluded Spruce and held off Goulding over 40 metres.

Spruce did exceptionally well to hold up Jones in another sortie, but cracks in Britain's defence and the fact that the big Kiwi forwards were now riding their counterparts' tackles told with 15 minutes left. Ngamu tracked down the blind side off a scrum for a copybook score that was to prove decisive. SCORERS: New Zealand: Tries: Wik (2) Ngarru Goals: Ridge (3) Great Britain Tries: Hunte, Betts Goals: Goulding (3)

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☐ Great Britain Academy lost 27-24 to the Junior Kiwis. who took a winning 2-0 lead in their three-match series.



The crew of Group 4, winners of the first leg of the BT Global Challenge, greet well-wishers on arrival in Rio

Group 4 secures first-leg prize

FROM EDWARD GORMAN SAILING CORRESPONDENT IN RIO DE JANEIRO

TO THE boys playing foot-ball on the beach, the 67-foot cutter with Group 4 written in large black letters on her side was hardly worth a second look, as it rolled gently up to the finish line off Forte de Copacabana yesterday under a fragile masthead spinnaker.

On board Mike Golding's yacht and among the handfuls of well-wishers from Britain watching from the shore or on spectator boats, though, there was huge excitement as she finally claimed the prize of being first into Rio in the BT Global Challenge. She also set a race record for the leg, almost exactly three days faster than British Steel II four years ago. Her final run-in was not

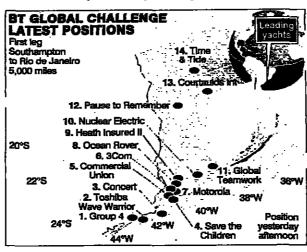
without incident however. With less than a quarter of a mile to go to the line, the spinnaker blew out at the head in about 12 knots of breeze. Golding and his crew took three minutes to get what remained of it down and get a jib flying. Two minutes later, a staysail was also bending to the wind for the last few hundred yards to the gun. Just under a month ago 26 days, three hours, 47

run into the finish. With less than 50 miles to go, he found precise - Group 4 set off in a howling southwesterly gale on the Solent, along with the himself creeping along, sometimes at less than a knot, or even going backwards. rest of the 14-strong fleet. Yesterday she appeared under the shadow of the Behind him, Simon Walker, on Toshiba Wave Warrior, seemed to have his own statue of Christ that domi-

500 miles ahead of the backmarker, Time & Tide. For Golding, who was second overall in the last race, it

private breeze and was able to nates the Rio skyline, 12 miles cut the deficit from 39 miles to ahead of her nearest pursuer. Toshiba Wave Warrior, and 12 at the finish. Speaking on the radio, with was an immensely frustrating

five miles still to sail. Andrea Bacon, one of four women crew members on board Group 4, summed up the



agony of waiting for the breeze to fill in. "We were all very hyped up on Thursday." she said. "When we finished our watches, we all stayed up waiting for the line. It was a frustrating night for us

The Group 4 crew thus became the first to enjoy an ice-cold beer at the Yacht Club of Rio de Janeiro and a hearty meal of steak aind chips Among those here to welcome them was Jorgen Philip-Sorensen, the founder and owner of Group 4, who could not resist the chance to "buzz" the boat in a helicopter about

ten miles out. Afterwards, he praised Golding, who holds the westabout single-handed world record and is often referred to as "the smoking fireman" because he used to be a fire officer before he got into fulltime sailing and is a heavy smoker. "Mike is one of the most determined people I've ever come across and he has turned out to be an exceptional manager and leader," Sorensen said.

Toshiba Wave Warrior crossed the line 214 hours after Group 4. Concert, in third place, is expected here this morning, with the first of the chasing pack arriving this

Braves facing

BASEBALL

formidable * test of courage

FROM KEITH BLACKMORE IN ATLANTA

THE streets of New York will be deserted and the bars packed tonight when the New York Yankees return to their home in the Bronx with a chance to clinch their first World Series championship for 18 years.

The Yankees gave themselves that chance when they beat the Atlanta Braves 1-0 in game five here on Thursday night to take a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven series. The result continued a remarkable transformation. After losing the first two games at home last weekend, the Yankees left town with the strident views of their fans and New York's ferocious media ringing in their ears.

By winning all three games in Atlanta, the Yankees have turned those howls of scorn to roars of approval and Yankee Stadium is likely to live up to one of its better nicknames. The Bronx Zoo, when it is crammed with nearly 60,000 lucky ticket-holders tonight.

Atlanta, the 1995 champions, now face the most intimidating of tasks: they must win the two remaining games in New York if they are to keep their crown. The environment could hardly be more hostile: the Zoo in full cry is like Anfield, St James' Park and Elland Road rolled into one.

The Braves will take comfort from two things: no-one in this series has managed to win a home game, equalling a record set in 1906, and tonight they will play behind the greatest pitcher of the modern era, Greg Maddux, who won game two in the same, intimidating, surroundings.

Even Maddux may not save them now, though. Their recent success — four National League pennants, one World Series championship, all since 1991 — has been built on one of baseball's unchallenged tenets: that good pitching beats good hitting. They have had good pitching for each of the last three games and lost.

The latest defeat was heart-

breaking for their starter, John Smoltz, who had won 29 games this season. His performance was almost immaculate. A single, uncharacteristic fielding error by Marquis Grissom allowed Cecil Fielder to drive in the decisve run in the fourth inning. Smoltz actually gave up only four hits, one fewer than his opposite number. Andy Pettitte.

STATE OF THE STATE

By any standards, the Braves are one of the best baseball teams of modern times but to bear any comparison with the truly great teams they need a second championship. Even their claim to be the team of the Nineties over looks the fact that the Toronto Blue Jays have won two championships in the decade. The World Series is such a

wonderful championship precisely because it probes every area of a team's strength and weakness. No flaw can be long concealed. After their dazzling victories in the first two games, the Braves seemed invincible. Their pitching has lived up to the loftiest of expectations but it is increasingly clear that their hitting is not strong enough. After the firestorm of scoring in game one the batters have struggled to create as much as a spark.

Worse, their standards in the field seem to have slipped. Fielding errors contributed to each of the last two defeats. Much was made of the fact that their starting line-up in game one contained five players under the age of 25, but inexperience has started to peek through.

Next season they move next door to the converted Olympic Stadium and the Braves managed only a sad farewell to the scene of all their recent triumphs, Atlanta Fulton County Stadium, which is to be turned into a car park for the new ballpark. Nostalgia for the old place was diluted by the fact that it was only 30 years old. Obsolescence travels fast in these parts, as the Braves may be about to discover

COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

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IGIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop's Stortled v Enfield, Chertsey v Dulwich: Heybridge v Purfloot, Odord City v Aylesbury. First division: Abrigdon Town v Aldershot Town Batton Rovers v Hampton: Billencay v Whytelsale, Chesham v Leyton Bennest, Cryotion v Basingstoke, Mactonhead United v Berthamsted Markow v Worthing, Walton and Hersham v Thame; Wolsingham v Todting and Mitcham, Sec-Worthing, Walton and Hersham v Thame; Wolnigham v Tooting and Mischam, Second division: Bracknet v Wembley, Challorit St Peter v Motropolitan Police Chechurit v H Hempstoad: Collion Row and Romford v Bedford T; Edgware v Egham, Hungerford v Dorking, Leatherhead v Horsham, Ware v Leighlon; Windsor and Elion v Benstead, Witham v Tilbury; Wiverhoe v Barking Third division: Braintee v Clapton; Camberley v Westelstone, East Thurrock v Lawes, Esporn and Ewel v Northwood Res; Fackwell Heath v Southall, Harlow v kingsbury, Heritord v Hornchurch, Tring v Avciey ining v every
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division: Aundel v Hazsocks, Halsham v
Pagham, Three Bindgos v Eastbourne
Town, Whilehamk, v Oakerood; Wick v
Preffield Bell's Scottish League Premier division (40) Aberdeen v Reith First division (---) East Fite v Airdnie (45) Greenock Morlon v Dundee (46) Partick v Falkirk (47) St Johnstone v St Mirren

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Ueta under-18 championship qualifier

v Downton

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North Leigh, Wartage v Tuffey

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

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Liverpool v Derby (4 0)

Bell's Scottish League Third division

Albion v East String _

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LEAGUE OF WALES: First Town y Inter

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FAI HARP LAGER NATIONAL LEAGUE:

Premier division: Cark v Home Farm (2 0): UCD v Duvdaß: (3 15)

WOMEN'S FA PREMIER LEAGUE CUP

WOMEN'S FA PREMER LEAGUE CUP: First round: Blyth Soartans v Aston Villa, Town and County v Three Bridges. Wolverhampton Windry v Bratile Liverpool v Arsenal, Garswood Samts v Hudderslied Brighton v Transmer liveston v Braddord, Notis County v Wintebeder; Oxford Urd v Sourport Southampton v Eventon, Whitehawk v Croydon; Leyton Orient v Langlord, Serivaansted v Ipswich, Millauli v Storfield Wednesday.

WOMEN'S FA PREMIER LEAGUE: National division: Doncaster Belles v Wembley Ladies (at Armitherpe Welfare Ground, 20).

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Beaconsfield SYCOB v Ruishp Manor; Croydon v Barkingside; Hanwell v Haringey; Islington St Mary's v Herefield; St Margaretsbury v Brook House; Todenham Omade v Amersham; Waltham Abbey v ED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Pre Haungdon Bono
COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashlord v Fernham; Ash v Merstham; Cobhem v Sandhuret, Cove v Chipsteed, Cranleigh v Corinthen-Casuak; Godsiming and Guidford v Reading; Netherne v Viung Sports; Raynes Park Vale v Feithern; Watton Casuak v Hardey Wintray; Westpield v Bedfont.

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Bowers v Concord; Burnham Ramblers v
Brentwood: Ford United v Southern Manor;
Hulbridge Sports v Saltron Walden;
Sewbridgeworth v Greel Walering; Elon
Manor v East Ham Cup: First round:
Basidon v Starsted
MINERVA SOUTH MIDILANDS LEAGUE:
Premier division: Arlesey v Buckingham
Athetic, Bedford v London Colvey, Brache
Spara v Harpenden, Hoddesdon, v
Letchworth: Largford v Welwyn Garden;
Potters Bar v Mitron Keynes, Royston v
Toddington
SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier
division: Bernelaple v Chard: Bridgord v
Tiverton, Bresington v Chipperham; Bristol
Monor Farm v Bidelord. Caine v Paulton R;
Elmore v Bachwell, Mangolsheld v
Pridgwelter: Odd Down v Tomington, Taulton
v Westbury.

TEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE:

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JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE:
Premier division: Bury Town v Clactor: Diss
v Faternham, Great Yarmouth v Hedleigh IU;
Harrisch and Parkeston v Sudbury.

Solven v Stownerhert, Warboys v Gorteston:
Weston v Lowestoh; Woodbndgo v Hailstead

Cup: First round: Fetustowe P and T v
Wrodram. Whotham.
WhistoniLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First diwater Counthian o Folkestone Innets Cray of Cartesbury; Furness o Deal, Hythe or
Beckenham: Tunbindge Webt o Woomkch.
Cup: First round: Greenwich or Whitstable,
Hemis Bay o Chattam, Lundowood o
Crocienhal, Sheppey o Favershom Stade
Green or Ramscalle Green v Ramsgale UHLSPORT UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE:

Sporoei FAI HARP LAGER NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division. Firm Horps v Boh (7.30), Sligo v Shamrock, (7.30). TOMORROW

Brive v Harlequins (3 15)

Toulon v Connacht (2.0)

Gloucester v Bourgoin (2 0)

HOCKEY

MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Cannock v Surbton (et Morte Ground, 2:30) East Grosslead v Canterbury (at Sant Hot, 2:0), Hawart v Houristow (at Hawart Cofloge 2:15), Old Loughtonians v Guildford (at Chignett 1:30). Reading v Yeddington (at Sonning Lane, 2:0); Southquate v Barford Tigers (at Broomheld School, 2:0). First division: Firebrands v Hull (at Longwood, Bristol, 12:0). Gloucester (Jay V Edgbaston (at Ploc) Court, 1:30), Harteston Magpies v Doncaster (at Southdown Cub), 2:0). Lewes v Issa (at Southdown Cub), 2:0). Lewes v Issa (at Southdown Cub).

20), Lewes v Isca (at Southdown Club 12:30) Oxford Harws v Indian Gymkhana

12:30) Oxford Harws v Indian Gymfyreina (al Banbury Rose), 20), Oxford University v Beeston (at St Edmand's School, 20), Sheffield v Blueharts (at Abbeydalo Park, 20); St Albare v Bromley (a Claicheo Park, 20); Stoupport v Brondlands (at Nuddermeiser School, 2:30), Trojans v City of Portsmouth (at Stonenam Lano, 1:30). Warnington v Crostyr (at Perketh County School, 1:0).

HA CUP: Second round: Ashtord (Middeh) v Wimbledon, Elackheath v Middleton, Blangtod v Yeovi and Sherborne, Bowdon s Hanogath, City of Oxford v Chichester, Colchester v Chelmslord; Fareham v

Pool D

Pool D

Cardiff y Milan

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bursough v Blastpool Rovers; Chadderton v Glossop North End; Derwen v Citheroe; Holler Old Boys v Nantworn. Marve Road v Atherton Colleries: Mocaley v Traitord; Perrith v Boolle; Prascor v Eastwood H; Vaunhall GM v Kidegrove; Rossendale v St Heiens. NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armitrospe Welfare v Salby; Armold v Huckrasi, Astrifad v Ossett Albon; Brog Town v Belper Town; Glassihoughton Welfare v Hatfield Mehr. Hallern v Portetract Cost Liversedoe v North Ferrito; Malbo Mill. v Sheffield, Össett Town v Thackley; Pick-ennig v Denzaby.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTH-ERN LEAGUE: Hirst civision: Bedington Temers v Crook: Bingham v Seehem Red Star, Easington v South Shields; Gulsborough v Tow Law, Morpeth v Durham; HTM Newcastle v Murton; Shidon v Chester-le-Street, Slockton v West Auckland: Whuddram v Durston Federation Street, Stockton v West Auckland; Whickfram v Duriston Federation:
SMIRNOFF IRBSH LEAGURE: Premier division: Fator v Lintekt, Chiffornitle v Cruseden; Glonavon v Coleraine, Glontoran v Portactioner First division: Belliviciare v Distilleny, Bestyntena v Carrich; Larne v Berrigor, Omagh v Newy.
SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGURE: First division: Ansanal v Charlon (11 0); Cambridge Unit v Charlon (11 0); Cambridge Unit v Charlon (11 0); Cambridge Unit v Charlon (11 0); Southerd v Tottenham (11 0). Wilmball v Ipsach: 11 10; Southerd v Tottenham (11 0). West Harm v Waldod (11 0); Second division: Bristol City v Broniford (11 0); Bristol Rouers v Brighton (11 0); Cochester v Samet (11 0); Lution v Wimblodon (11 0). Codord Utid v Crystal Patice (11 0). Routhampton v Wycombe (11 0); Tottenham v Swindon (11 0)
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Police v Chaselown

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE MIDLAND

COMBINATION: Premier division: Biston
Community College v Covernty Sphine; David
Lloyd v Bosinell S; Hendrafian Timbers v
Shuley, Kentworth v Highgate; King'a Heath
v Coleshill: Knowle v Alvechurch; Mer KA v
Southam; Studiey BKL v Wellesbourne;
Worzesten v West Midland Fre Serves
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NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First

Winchester, Goro Court v Basingstoke, Haliax v Southport, Hampstead and Westminster v Maddenhoad, Herborne v Hampton-n-Arden, Headington v Old Walcountlans, High Wycombe v Purey, Jersey v Chektenham, Lotchworth v Norson (North), Lone v Andover, Northempton Sants v Nates, Nottminam v West Wills; Old Halesonkins v North Norts, Old Wintgritans v Anchorans; Peterborough Town v Dordham, Sheffield Bankers v Adderley Edge: Swewsbury v Blowech; Spalding v Cambridge Cay; Timpstry v Swatwoll, West Herts v Josench, Weymouth v Weston-super-Mare, York v Chester,

BASKETBALL 7UP TROPHY: Shelfield v Manchester (5.30) BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Christer Leacester (8.0), Leopards v Leodon (7.0), MEN'S NATIONAL TROPHY: Second round: Plymouth v Thames Valley: Mid Succest v Westmanster WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Crystal Palace v Phondida WOMEN'S NATIONAL CUP: Second round: Liverpool v Sheffield

OTHER SPORT

CYCLING: National Hill Climb Champ-ioniship (1,166 yards, Carlton Bank, Stokestry, 10am) ICE HOCKEY: Superleague: Carditl y Bracknotl (6.0), Manchoster v Shotfield

Bracknol (60), Manchoster v Shotfield (60) SNOOKER: Grand Prix (in Bournemouth) SPEEDWAY: Individual: International Ace of Aces (a) Swindon, 7 30) Conference League: Individual: Bernie Nath Memorial Trophy (at Midorihalt, 3 30) Grand National (at Bunton, 3 0) Pales: Grand Finale Pairs Trophy (at Linithgow, 2 30)

SCOTTISH CUP: Semi-finats; Brora v Egin, Hurdly v Peterhead. BANNS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier division: Breetey Hall T v Statford T: Darteston v Blooxich S: Enrigethalf H. Wednesfield; Gornal Res v Wolverhempton C; Hill Top R v v Bloowich is Lemiganea H v Wedneshedt;
Gomal Res v Wolverhempton C. Heil Top R v
Cradiey Townt, Lye Town v Ludiow T; Malwan
T v Tividale; Stourport S v Wolverhampton
United; Westfields v Walsall Wood.
OLD BOYS: LEAGUE Premiter division:
Glyn OB v Ctapham CX; Latymer OB v O
Vaughanans; O Interprovisions v v O
Tenisorians; O Interprovisions v v O
Tenisorians; O Interprovisions v v O
Tenisorians; O Interprovisions v Polysaler; Oslorians
SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: Senior
one: Hale End Ath v Wandsworth Bor: St
Mary's Coil v Nottaborough; Willian v Southgale County Cap: First round: Parkfield v
City of London, UCL Academicals v Albankan.
SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: First
division: CNI Service v Crouch End Vanpines; O Actorians v Polysachnic; O
Parmiterians v Nat West Benk, South Bank v
Norsemer West Wichtam v O Esthamelens
ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Arthur Ounn Cup: Norsemen; West wichnam v U Estnameans ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Arthur Dunn Cup: Brentwoods v Eastbourniers, Cholmeleans v Aldenhamhans, Wellingburlans v Brad-fieldisms; Wyterhemists v Chilgwellians Premier division: Econesses v Certhussiens: Foresters v Reptoriens; Willelans v Landing

HOCKEY

Foresters v Reptonlans; Wilelans v Lancing
HOCKEY

MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Barford Tigers v Cannock (at Holyfread Lesure Certire. 1 0); Canterbury v Havant (at Polo Farm, 2.0); Guildrod v East Grinstead (at King's Manor School, 1.2.30); Houristow v Southgate (at Dufes Meadows, Chawack, 1 30); Surbron v Reading (at Sugden Road, 2 30); Teddington v Old Loughtonians (at Teddington v Old Loughtonians (at Teddington v Old Loughtonians (at Teddington v Old Loughtonians (at Teddington v Old Loughtonians (at Teddington v Old Kingstonians; Turbindge Wallz v Gore Court. Wimblodon v Anchortonis; Winchester v Spencer, Ramgaritia v Old Kingstonians; Turbindge Wallz v Gore Court. Wimblodon v Anchortonis; Winchester v Beckenham; Wolking v Wolkingham Hampehine/Surrey: Andover v Carnberley; Basingstoko v Portsmouth, Oxded v Goarn; Old Cranleighters v Cheen; Southampton v Bennes; Blandford v Old Walcountians; Potersthiat v Dutwich, London Umwaly v Walton and Weytondge, Old Med-Whiligiffians: v Epsom; Osshoti v Purloy, Kant/Susseet Eastbourne v Bedey Invicta; Horsham v Mardon Russes v Herne Bay, Old Bordenlans v Bognor, Old Holcombellans v Middleton, Old Williamsconians v Bedey Invicta; Horsham v Mardon Russes, Veleme Bay, Old Bordenlans v Bognor, Old Holcombellans v Middleton, Old Williamsconians v Bedey Invicta; Horsham v Mardon Russey Herne Bay, Old Bordenlans v Bedey Newton, Newton, Reathington v Eastone, Newbury v West Hampetos; Old Tu Lons, Ph.C. Chiswick v Mariow Riching Park v Mid Hat; Steines v Gerards Cross, Sunbury v Hayes, Adminds, Lundon V Bedeybeith, Westerling on v Bestrop's Stortford, Cholmsford v Rechridge and literd; Doncham v Jeswich; Sudbury v Peterborough Town Premier division B: Huntingdon v Beder Premier division B: Huntingdon v Beder Sentonde Cholmsford v Rechridge and literd; Doncham v Jeswich; Sudbury v Peterborough Town Premier division B: Huntingdon v Beder Sentonder Cholms, Normon v Cacton, Westerling Fermby v Nester, Normon v Southernolas; Peter V Wellyng C.

Ramgarha, Sheffeld Bankers v Swokelt; Somgfelds v Ben Rhydding; Timporley v Soutinport.

WOMEN'S CLUB MATCHES; Alianta v Crostyx Bishop's Stortland v Welwyn GC; Gracknell v Eeling; Cambridge City v Redandge, Canteroury v Old Loughtonians. Cardiff Ath v Rediand, Cholmstond v Locester, Doncacler v Blackburn; Dulwich v Sovernoaks, Famborough v Horsham; Guidland v Somning, Million Koynes v Hendon. Peterborough v Pervlaus; Ranelagh v Wycombe Ryo: St Fagans v Newport, Southampton v Booding, Surbdon v Eastcote; Walmgrid v E Grinstead; Warrington v Daten.

Warrington v Daten.
WOMEN'S REGONAL LEAGUES: Mid-Vocación de la company de la c LACROSSE SHEPHEROS FRIENDLY SOCIETY LEA-GUE, Premier division: Poynton v Melicy

DAILY TELEGRAPH SENIOR FLAGS: First round: Heaton Mersey v Moothorpe; Hulmerans v Timpericy, Old Waconians v

RUGBY LINION Kick-off 3.0 unless stated Heineken Cup Bath v Dax Pool B Pau v Leicester (3.45)

Pool C Neath v Ulster (2.30). Pool D

Wasps v Toulouse (at Loftus Road). European Conference Pool A Agen v Sale (7.0) .

Newbridge v Montlemand (2.30) Newport v Glesgow (2.30) Pool B Bristol v Castres Dinamo Bucharast v Traorchy (12.0) Narbonne v Bridgend (6.30) Pool C

Pool D Eblow Vale v London Irish (2.30) Swanses v Běgles-Bordeaux (2.30) Courage Clubs Chempionship Second division Blackheath v Richmond London Scottish v Moseley Newcastle v Bedford

Rotherham v Coventry Rugby v Wakefield Warerloo v Nottingham Third division Ckilon v Wharle Fylde v Rosstyn Park Havant v Reading Liverpool St Helens v Otley Lichfield v Kendel
Prestori Grasshoppers v Worcester
Sandal v Manchester
Winnington Park v Stoke-on-Trent Barking v Charlton Park Chellenham v Plymouth

coston: Salisbury v Camborne: Torquoy v Bridgwater
LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: First division: Basingstoke v Old Mid-Whitgettans, Harlow Vold Colicians; Norwich v Thurrock,
Staines v Rutslip: Sudbury v Southend
Sutton and Epsom v Esher; Wirmbiedon v
Guidiford and Godsiming,
MIDLANDS: First division: Camp Hill v
Broad Street; Darby v Berlgrave; Hinckley v
Barkers Butts: Learnington - Winterhampton; Leighton Buzzard v Whitchurch,
Monsteld v Westleigh, Sourithorpo v
Syston: Stafford v Stockwood Park,
NORTH: First division: Bradford and
Bingley v Widnes. Hull Ionans v New
Bingtion: Sedgley Park v Mocclosfield.
Tynodale v Stockson; Wigton v Broughton
Park; West Park Bramhope v Bindlington
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Weish League Second division Aberdynon v Ystradgyniais (2 30) Aberilliary v Pontypool (2 30) Bonymaen v Maesteg (2 30) Cross Keys v South Wales Police (2 30)

THIRD DIVISION: Builth Wells v Kenig Hil; Mountain Ach v Pyle Penarth v Llanharan. Rumney v Menthyr, Tendu v Narberth; Trodegar v Tonby United.

CLUB MATCHES: Edinburgh Academic CLUB MATCHES: Edinburgh Academicals v Boroughmuir; Glasgow High/Kehnside v Glasgow Southern; Glasgow Academicals v Sträng County, Herrol's, FT v Stewart's Metville FF; Hillingar/Jordanhili v Curre, Jed-Forest v Dundee HSFP; Kilmarnock, V Ayr; Kirkcaldy v Biggar; Musselburgh Hawick; Peebles v Galar; Preston Lodgy v Glenrothes; Saracens v Oxford University, Selfatir, V Kelso; Watsonians v West of Scotland.

RUGBY LEAGUE

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE (2.30)
Premier division: Dudley Hill v Beverley,
Heworth v Wirgen St Patnick's: Oldhem St
Anne's v Egrenorit, Woolshor v Saddleworth
First division: Assam v Eastmoor: Barrow
island v Millom, Blackbrook v East Leads,
Outton v Modigreen, Thombill v Leigh East,
Wigan St Jude's v Walney Central, Second
division: Devisiony Moor v Redhill,
Featherstone Amaleur v New Earswick Hull
Dockers v Starlaugh, Millord v Ovenden,
Normanton v Shew Cross; York Acom v
Eccles

7UP TROPHY: Derby v Chester (7.30); Hernel and Watlord v Crystal Palace (7.30); Worthing v Birmingham (8 0) BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Leicesler v Thames Valley (7:30)
MEN'S NATIONAL TROPHY: Second round: Bury and Bolton v Derby; Covernity Stockton; Guidtord Swifts v Northampton, London v Cardid; Oxford v Broton, Ware v Beldischer. Nottropham
WOMEN'S NATIONAL CUP: Second
round: ipsweh v London, Lecester v
Birmingham: Northampton v Prymouth:
Rhondda v Harlesden Thames Valley v
Barking and Dagenham: Spehome v
Crystal Palace: Tyne and Wear v
Nottingham

OTHER SPORT BOWLS: Denny Cup: Second round.
Hounslow v Pickets Lock, Camberley v
Cambridge Park Egham v Embridge.
Loddomvile v Chawon Park Fushmore;
Jack Hi, Century v Mansfeld, Tempell v
Deansgate Ridge Crystal Palacs v Crd-id
don, Britton v Dartford, Prince Arthur v Cid
Coulsdom: North Kent v Lewesham: Greenword v Crybers with a Cyphers
BOXING: World Boxing Union light

BOXING: World Boxing Union light-welferweight championship macanti: Daryl Tyson (US) v Shea Neary (Liverpool) (ZE HOCKEY: Berson and Hedges Cup: Semi-finals, first leg: Sheffield v Notting-fam (6 40): Ayr v Basingstoke (6 30). Superleague: Nextastle v Manchester (6 30). SNOOKER: Grand Prix (in Bournerrouth) SPEEDWAY: Conference League: Ber-vind v Linkingow (7 0).

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BASEBALL

RUGBY UNION

Europe's elite get down to more serious business

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

IF IT had not been so before, the Heineken Cup becomes very serious today: after three rounds, the shape of the likely quarter-finals is becoming clearer, with home advantage going to the respective poolwinners. That means not only home support but the possibility of substantial gate receipts to bolster clubs eager to improve their cashflow.

This is scarcely a romantic view of European competition this season, but it is a realistic one: one of the many points of difference between the Eng-lish Professional Rugby Union Clubs and the Rugby Football Union, for example, is that the union's entitlement of £100.000 from the 1995-96 Heineken Cup has yet to be distributed to the clubs and, if the RFU gets its way, it will not be, but will instead go towards setting up the new management company that will run professional

the cost of their failure to win either of their European games thus far. There remains a mathematical chance of progress but, since today's visitors to Loftus Road are Toulouse, the holders, it is a slim one. The London club had been looking forward to receipts of around £125,000 had they managed a home tie on November 16, but there must be some extravangant changes in form in pool D if

Wasps have dropped Gareth Rees, their leading points-scorer, retaining Jon Ufion at full back and restoring Alex King in place of Rees at standoff half after his shoulder injury. They hope to bolster their set-piece work by giving Andy Reed his debut at lock and Lawrence Dallaglio moves to the blind-side flank. However, with Cardiff the likely winners over Milan tomorrow, despite the absence through injury of Jonathan Wasps are already counting Davies and Emyr Lewis,

they are to save their bacon.

Lomu confirmed as certainty for tour

SPECULATION that Jonah Lonu will pull out of the New Zealand Barbarians' tour of England next month was put down by Phil Kingsley-Jones, his manager, yesterday. Press reports said that Lornu, the All Black wing, was so upset by his one-week suspension for a dangerous tackle that he had threatened to boycott the tour, but Kingsley-Jones denied it.

"That's rubbish," Kingsley-Jones said. "All we were afraid of was that he might be suspended for six weeks and he might not be able to go. There's never been any doubt about his availability."

Lomu was found guilty earlier this week by a rugby union judicial hearing of a "spear" tackle in a match last weekend. The suspension will prevent him from playing for the final of the national

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provincial championship against Auckland tomorrow. Derrick Patterson, the former Scotland scrum half, and Graham Ellis, the Scotland A hooker, have been added to the Scottish Rugby Union's list

of contracted players, taking

the total to 38.

Patterson, who has recently joined Hawick, was in Scotland's World Cup squad in South Africa last year, where he played against Tonga, but he was overlooked for the tour to New Zealand this summer. Ellis, who is enjoying a suc-cessful season with Currie, rose to prominence last season as hooker in the Scotland A team and was selected for the tour to New Zealand.

Bath announced yesterday that they are changing their official title from Bath Football his Counties-Manukau side in Club, which they have been since 1865, to Bath Rugby.

Wasps's best hopes now lie in the domestic arena.

had targetted so it's been disappointing that we have not had a better record." Jeff Huckstep, the Wasps chief executive, said, "But it has taken the players to a different level already and Toulouse, with all their internationals, will be a step higher again. You can talk all you want about divisional rugby, but this competition has given English rugby that extra di-mension it has been looking

Bath's situation, while not as extreme as that of Wasps, is less assured than they would wish. Led by Jonathan Callard in the continued absence of the injured Phil de Glanville, the English champions must beat Dax at the Recreation Ground today. Jeremy Guscott and Henry Paul return in the centre after injury and Nathan Thomas is preferred to Andy Robinson in the back row.

But the most searching ex-aminations will be of Leicester in Pau today, and Harlequins in Brive tomorrow. This is the essence of European competition, to perform well in unfamiliar territory; the two English clubs head pools B and C respectively, in the case of Leicester without winning too many prizes for style. Their captain, Dean Richards, is back at No8 against the club who made no friends at all at Llanelli a week ago.

Harlequins appear to have concluded that Will Carling is not going to transform himself into a stand-off half. Paul Challinor plays there against Brive, with Carling in the centre, and the young New Zealander, Jamie Williams, on the wing ahead of Daren O'Leary. But success against the runners-up in last season's French Cup final may hinge on goal-kicking - Carling had barely enough shots in his locker to beat Ulster ten days ago - and, if Harlequins new force will really have come among us.



David Roberts, of Capital Asset Finance, tees off at the 16th at Foxhills vesterday

Holt figures out final path

BY MEL WEBB



Holt, an eight-handicap

member of Buchanan Castle,

scored 32 Stableford points off

his own ball at Foxhills.

Although he was eclipsed by

five points in the scoring

stakes by his 20-handicap

team-mate, Neil Allcock, there

was no doubting his part in the triumph, gained by two points from Reuter Limited

(Columba), who beat Shaw &

With Simon McCready, a

Royal Burgess member who

plays off six, not having one of

his better days, it was left to

Holt to provide the ballast

upon which the team built the

foundations for a notable vic-

tory over the tight Longoness

course at the Surrey club.

Co on countback.

aim of scoring five points a hole, they made a moderate start, scoring just two fives and two fours in the first four holes. However, they sprang to life on the par-five 5th. where seven points put them back on schedule. Allcock hit a perfect drive,

then struck a five-wood 220 yards to within 40 feet of the flag. Two putts left him with a net eagle three, and four points. Peter Muir, the fourth member, hit a good drive and a mediocre five-wood into a bunker short and right. With 40 yards to go, he played a fine escape shot to eight feet and shaved the hole with his birdie butt. His par five, with shot he received, left him with Going into battle with the a net birdie and three points.

CRICKET

The team's total of 45 points put them exactly on their objective after nine holes, but they fell three behind their target with a four and a three on the 10th and 12th. However, they scored six on the 14th, six on the 16th and, crucially, six more on the 17th.

Holt hit a one-iron and

seven-iron to 20 feet for a net birdie and three points, while Muir, having topped his fivewood second shot, made nothing of two putts from 50 feet for another net birdie and another three. They thought it was not going to be quite enough - but then, accountants are hardly renowned for

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Age no barrier to walks on the wild side

s Pakistan blood a 14-year-old Test cricketinternational athletics debut to Boyd Millen, aged 60. James Fitzsimmons writes to tell me how Millen came to be selected for a race-walking event in France and so become the oldest competitor to wear a full British vest. He was chosen after finishing in the top live of a 100-mile walking race in this country, with a finishing time of 22 hours. He then took part in the French race, covering 195 kilometres (120 miles) in 28 through the streets of Roubaix and finishing nineteenth in a field of 64. Britain finished third, behind France and Belarus.

Millen was originally a fell-runner, so such wild excesses are not unfamiliar to him. He is best known in that small and crazed fraternity for his running of the Bob Gra-ham Round, which, Mr Fitzsimmons assures me, is the most gruelling of all fell races. run over 24 hours. Not a man you meet every day. Can any one rival Millen's achievement for geriatric sporting prowess, 1 wonder?

Cutting edge

The whole art of sport depends on giving yourself an edge over the opposition. Mike Cito, a high-school



American football player for St Pius school in Albuquerque, certainly managed that. He turned out for a recent game with the buckle of his helmet honed to the sharpness of a razor. This unusual ruse became apparent when his opponents kept leaving the field dripping with blood. One of them had to go to hospital for stitches. The director of St Pius Activities admitted that "the buckle was definitely milled". But, as the scandal erupts, the player's father has added a new twist. He says that he sharpened the buckle himself, and that his son knew nothing about it. How, then, did young Mike manage to remain innocent and undamaged while putting his helmet on?





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Death by Diego

The life of poor Diego has become a procession of the ever-more-ludicrous, which is ever-more-perilously balanced on the edge of the tragic. These days, he is a remote and traumatised figure living in Buenos Aires and playing football for nobody, with his former agent charged with drug-trafficking. He cele-brates, if that is the word, his 36th birthday on Wednesday. The event is marked by the release of a film entitled The Day When Maradona Knew

Carlos Gardel was a revered tango singer who died in a plane crash in 1935. The film is about Maradona's attempt to save Gardel from his pact with Death; Death, as portrayed by the actress. Ester Goris. She wants Gardel to sing for ever; and only for her. The film includes clips of Diego's earliest footballing days, and its release also marks Diego's debut, at 15, for Argentinos Juniors. The film is about perpetual bondage

Winter whinge

After spending summer listening to people whinge on about the fact that the weather is too cold for cricket, we are now moving towards a winter when people whinge about the weather being too hot for sleddog racing. That, I suppose, is Britain and island climates for

Next week, they plan to announce the 1996 British Cup sled-dog race. "Once viewed as eccentrics here in the UK. the press release continues, in optimism that is diagnostic of minor-sport manuacs, "sled-dog racing increases in popularity every year" - and will no doubt soon conquer the earth. Alas, the 1995 British Cup "fell foul of an unseasonal thaw". So, the event was cancelled.

Organisers tell us. though, that this year, snow or no snow, "we are having a race".

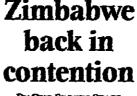


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By Our Sports Staff

DAVID HOUGHTON and Alistair Campbell, past and present captains, combined in an unbroken century partner-ship to lead a Zimbabwe fightback on the second day of the Faisalabad Test.

Zimbabwe, 134 behind Pakistan on first innings, were 23 for three at their second attempt when Houghton and Campbell joined forces. By the close, when Houghton had scored 74 and Campbell was unbeaten on 51, they had carried the score to 136 for

Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis each took a wicket in his first over, but Pakistan's hopes of a quick win were dashed by the fourth-wicket pair. Houghton, 39, has so far hit nine fours and a six from 110 balls, while Campbell struck eight fours in his eighth

Test half-century.
Pakistan, starting the day at 114 for three, were all out 40 minutes before tea for 267. Saced Anwar hit three quick fours before being caught behind off Everton Matambanadzo for 81. His partner, Hassan Raza, the youngest Test player, fell to Bryan Strang after adding seven to his overnight 20. ZIMBABWE: First Innings 133 (A Flower 61, Wasen Akram 6 for 48)

Total (5 Whits) 136
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SNOOKER

Parrott on cue for semi-final

By PHIL YATES

IN SOMETHING of a rarity at the Grand Prix in Bourne-mouth — a match that featured two easily recognisable players - John Parrott defeated James Wattana 5-3 yesterday to reach the semi-finals.

Although Parrott won the Asian Classic and European Open last season, he has not won a domestic event since the International Open in February 1994. The Liverpudlian is playing with such confidence, though, that his status as the bookmakers' favourite is fully justified.

Parrott is enjoying a revival with the replacement cue that he was obliged to employ when his old one went missing in the post last month. Confidentily exploiting nearly every scoring chance afforded him, he always looked the more likely to advance.

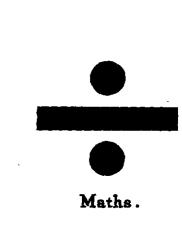
The 1991 world and United Kingdom champion would climb to fourteenth in the provisional rankings were he to prevail in the final tomorrow. To get there, he must overcome Mark Williams, the 21-year-old Welshman, who beat him 9-3 to win the Regal

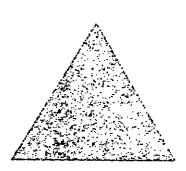
Weish Open nine months ago. Parrott, assisted by breaks of 48 and 66 in the first frame, led 1-0 and 2-1, but Wattana, again showing encouraging signs that he is emerging from the most worrying spell of his career, levelled at 2-2 by the mid-session interval.

By controlling a scrappy fifth frame, Parrott regained the advantage, before dealing the Thai's hopes a severe blow in the next with a decisive 29 clearance to pink, which was initiated by a tricky penulti-mate red to a middle pocket and included a difficult green. Parrott, who sealed victory with a run of 88 in the eighth

frame, said that despite the nature of his defeat when he last met Williams, he was not unduly concerned. "Everyone knows that Mark is a great potter, but it was undoubtedly the worst snooker I have had the misfortune to produce in a final," he said.

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RACING: HIGH-POWERED SYNDICATE CAN PROFIT AGAIN AT DONCASTER

Poteen to confirm early promise

RACING CORRESPONDENT

AS RACING syndicates go, the involvement of an earl, a peer of the realm and a Saudi prince, plus a leading City stockbroker, a respected owner-breeder and a wealthy American businessman. makes it the most prestigious in the land. Shortly after 3.40 this afternoon it could also be the most successful.

When the Earl De La Warr decided a year ago to gather a select team of owners to put six horses, costing an average of £50,000, into training with Luca Cumani, even he could not have dreamt of the out-

The cheapest of their purchases, Grapeshot, beat Bahamian Bounty. the subsequent dual group one winner, and finished second in the Champagne Stakes at Goodwood before landing the Tattersalls Stakes at Newmarket earlier this month in a time fractionally outside the course record. His performances have almore than repaid his lr £22,000 purchase price and attracted bids ten times that sum from prospective buyers.

The excitement within the syndicate was accentuated by the knowledge that it had an even better prospect at home. The Earl, his stepson, Alexander Hope, Lord Vestey, Gerald Leigh. Khaled Abdulla, Michael Kerr-Dineen, Sarah von Halle and Bob Goldhammer waited in anticipation for the appearance of Poteen on Arc

They were not disappointed as the \$65,000 purchase lived up to his home reputation when winning a Haydock maiden in effortless style. Better was to follow. A week ago, the full brother to Bog Trotter produced an impressive piece of work on the Newmarket gallops which excited the normally reserved Cumani: so much so that he urged the owners to supplement Poteen for the Racing Post Trophy at Doncaster today at a cost of £15,000.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: POTEEN (3.40 Doncaster) Nent best: Fairywings (4.15 Doncaster)

"One has to admit we have been very lucky," the Earl said yesterday. "When I wrote the original prospectus, I said we would try to prove you can buy a good horse for under £50,000, which is the average we spent. Luca wanted to

with horses that are not necessarily bred in the purple. Apart from Grapeshot and

Poteen, we have got a Fairy King and an Alleged colt who were always going to be three-year-olds. Out of the six we had only one dud, which has been sold. Amanda Skiffington bought all the good horses and she has bought another six for a similar syndicate this

Although a strict reading of the form book confirms that Poteen must improve signifi-cantly to land the last group one event of the season, the confidence in the Cumani camp suggests he can improve on the effort of his stablemate, Mons, who was third in this race a year ago.

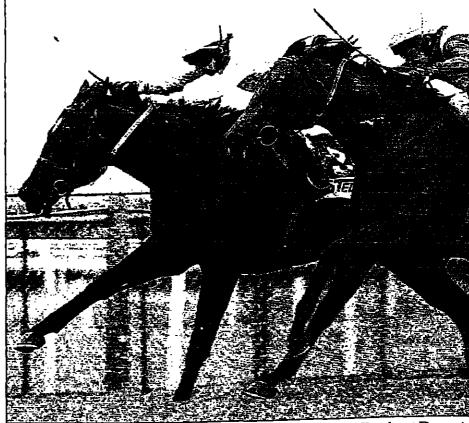
Benny The Dip, who had Besiege and Medaaly in third and fifth place respectively when winning the Royal

vourite especially as Desert Story, runner-up at Ascot, won the Horris Hill Stakes at Newbury on Thursday.

This race involves the continuing battle between Henry Cecil and Saeed bin Suroor for the trainers' championship. Besiege, a full-brother to Armiger, who won this race for Cecil in 1992, would appreciate easier ground and any overnight rain would increase

his chances.

While Medaaly has the better form of Godolphin's two supplemented runners. Asas has scope for more improvement judged on the way he won a good Newmarket maiden 25 days ago. However, Cumani, a former assistant to Cecil, can upstage his old boss by winning with Poteen - and complete a remarkable season for his posh group of owners.



Benny The Dip, left, is a solid favourite to land the Racing Post Trophy at Doncaster

4.15 LADBROKE HANDICAP

(£12,233, 1m 4f) (19 runners)

Long handicapt. Fem's Governor 7-9

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Kutta can swoop to conquer in St Simon Stakes

NEWBURY

1.30: Rebel County has run 21 times this year for three different trainers but put up arguably her best perfor-mance when a close-up seventh to Hawksley Hill at Newmarket last Saturday. Her previous defeat of the useful Warming Trends at Haydock also reads well. Najm Mubeen returned from a year off because of iniury and won with plenty in hand when defeating Oops Pettic at Newmarket. He is open to considerable improvement.

However, preference is for Wilcuma who has progressed with every run this term. The Magnet Cup winner had been off for three months before running particularly well behind Proper Blue at Ascot two weeks ago and can go one better here.

2.00: Etna should appreciate this stiffer test of stamina and could go well at long odds. Fernanda has a form chance on her second to Sarayir at Newmarket three weeks ago but she does not appear to be the most trustworthy individual. Dragonada, stoutly bred on her m's side, appreciated the step up to seven furlongs at Warwick last time and should relish today's trip

and ground. However, I will side with Blane Water, who did particularly well to finish so close to Proud Native at Redcar nine days ago, given that the step back to six furlongs was not ideal.

2.30: Salmon Ladder. runner-up in a trio of group three races, is the form choice but is always vulnerable to a horse with finishing speed. Eva Luna. who may take on Paul Cole's game runner for the lead, disappointed in the Jockey Club Cup last time and will not be suited by the step back in distance.

With the likely strong pace, Kutta makes consider-

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

able appeal at what should be value odds. The Old Vic colt produced his best effort when dead-heating with Ballynakelly here five weeks ago. He clearly likes this track and easy ground, having also won here a year ago.

DONCASTER CHANNEL 4

3.10: Russian Revival is the clear form pick judged on his success at Newmarket but is unproven over seven furlongs and could be worth opposing. Ramooz beat the Godolphin runner in the Jersey Stakes and ran his best race behind Decorated Hero at Ascot last time. Hi Nod invariably runs well here and has claims if returning to top form.

3.40: see above.

4.15: Fairywings makes considerable appeal now that she tackles 12 miles for the first time. Given her breeding - she is out of a Dancing Brave mare - she should relish this longer trip. She travelled well in the Camhridgeshire last time when staying on to finish sixth. Fern's Governor is weighted to go close but and Wild Rita looks a bigger danger.

4.45: Jhazi did well in the Redcar Two-Year-Old Trophy when drawn away from the pace and was not given a hard time once beaten. David Loder's speedy Arazi colt had previously broken the track record at Beverley and looks worth backing to regain the winning thread.

DONGASTER

1.40 Blue Goblin 2.10 Break The Rules 2.40 To The Roof

3.10 Celestial Key 3.40 BENNY THE DIP (nap) 4.15 Fem's Governor 4.45 Elegant Warning

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4.45 CHARLES SIDNEY MERCEDES BENZ DONCASTER STAKES (Listed race: 2-Y-0: £9,300: 61) (7 runners)

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Moonax attempts repeat

MOONAX, the mount of Pat Eddery, attempts to repeat his 1994 success in the Prix Royal-Oak at Longchamp tomorrow. Nononito, Always Earnest, Helen Of Spain and Red Rosa ; Story are the Barry Hills-trained horse's four rivals. Moonax swerved badly close home when beaten a length by Nononito in the Prix du Cadran earlier this month.

NEWBURY

3.00 Royal Diversion

3.30 Yorkie George

4.30 Petite Danseus

4.00 Myrtlebank

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(Listed race, 2-Y-O fillies: £10,235, 71 64yd md) (10 runners)

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BETTING: 9-4 Ferrerica, 7-2 Surt Balactes, 5-1 Diagonada, 6-1 Etaile, 10-1 Blane Water, Tumbleweed Pearl, Etail,

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THUNDERER

1.30 Star Manager 2.00 Bint Baladee 2.30 Whitewater Affair

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.30 YORKIE GEORGE (nap).

(£8,739: 1m 1f) (12 runners)

2.00 RADLEY STAKES

1.30 FURLONG CLUB RAYED HANDICAP

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.30 WHITEWATER AFFAIR.

RICHARD EVANS

2.30 PERPETUAL ST SIMON STAKES (Group III: £21,660: 1m 4l 5yd) (12 runners)

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BETTING: 3-1 Mons, 9-2 Whiteseater Albert, 5-1 Chief Contember, 6-1 Salmon Ladder, 7-1 Eva Luna, 10-1 Kulta, 12-1 Muraja, 14-1 Katabo, Summer Spell, 20-1 Story Line, 25-7 Asterita, 33-1 Ozalers Field 1995; PHANTOM GOLD 3-8-9 R Hills (6-1) Land Huztingdon 12 ran

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6	(14)	032361	TE AMO 11 (D.F.G) (F Furant) M Bell 4-8-9 . M Fenton	89
7	(15)	126030	HARBET HOUSE 35 (O.S.) (A Cyzer) C Cyzer 3-8-8 R Price	83
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10	(4)		TROLETTE 31 (B.D.G.S) (R Worts Jr) R Williams 4-8-5 D Harrison	87
11	(16)		DERRYBELLE 140J (Nov. 8 Palmer) D Williams 5-8-3	-
12	(12)	545304	FOREVER NOBLE 7 (The Gap Partnership) M Channon 3-8-3 P P Mourphy (5)	84
13	(3)	00-4000	FRANKLY FRAN 152 (P Banfetd) D Arbuthrot 4-8-3 B Dovie	63
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2	(13)	333	BARRYONE 98 (BF) (Lord Swaygrains) J Walts 9-6 J Carroll	84
3	(10)		VORIGE GEORGE 27 (D,G) (M Davison) 1. Cumari 9-3	91
4	(12)	52132	AEGEAN SOUND 68 (D,BF,G) (Theobalds Stud) A Harmon 9-1 R Hopings	90
5	(2)		FAREWELL MY LOVE 15 (D.G) (N/ Parsorby) P Cate 9-1 T Cleans	92
6	(5)	252500	DALMERY DANCER 21 (D.G) (Thurlor Thoroughbreds) B Meeton 9-1 B Donle	
7	(9)		A BREEZE 21 (V.F) (Bloomsbury Sud) D Monts 9-1	92
8	(11)	310	LEVELLED 17 (G) (Mayges Ltd) M Channon B-13 R Perhem	86
9	m		ELLENS LAD 29 (F) (Mr. C Harreston) R Hannon 8-12 Dane O'Melli	99
10	(4)	343	JUST NICK 26 (D Clarker) W Made 8-11 K Fallon	95
11	(8)	062030	FEEL A LINE 9 (1 Guitalan) B Mechan 8-11	96
17	(3)	621014	HEAVENLY MISS 24 (D,F) (T Matchell) J Bridger 8-10 . D Harrison	97
13	[7]	433004	MOSTALCIC AIR 17 (D.F) (T Scottern) E Weyme: 8-3 Martin Dwyer (5)	98
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C)	1	MYRTLEBANK 28 (D,S) (Str David Wills) H Cecil 8-9 A. Fallon 94	
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2	(10)	520	CHORUS SONG 28 (A Sangster) P Chapple Hyam 9-4	R Haw#n (3)	92
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5		MATE 10	HEART RULL OF SOUL 8 (F) (T Shand) P Cole 9-2	T Cwinn	93
6	(16)	10002	SILK ST JOHN 22 (CRS Partners) M Ryan 9-0	A Clark	95
7	(6)	015300	LAMORNA 9 (F.G) (W Porsorby) M Channon 9-0 P	P Murphy (5)	96
8	(20)	221000	KAISER KACHE 21 [F] (P Barclay) P. McAudite 9-0	G Urbina	96
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11	(4)	424010	MYSTIC OUEST 24 (V,G) (Delamere Cottage Racing) + McAulifle 5-10	P Bloomfield	87
12	(1 <i>8</i>)	555070	SECA'S MY KEY 15 (V.D.F) (Aldridge Racing Life) M Charcion 2-9	R Perham	(B)
13		50035	PALAEMON 30 (BF) (TAC: 9 Swife) G Balding 8-9	D Harrison	91
14	(13)	005413	MERCHESS COP 15 (B.D.C) (M Lambanchi) 3 Mexican 3-8	M Tebbuti	90
15	(8)	222021	RIVER OF FORTUSE 9 (D.F) (BBA FILT Plans) 14 Tomples: 3-8	M Henry (3)	90
16	(3)	144006	BLUE MOVIE 51 (B.S) (C Water) M Bett 8-8	M Ferton	921
17	(5)	004235	TAILWIND 17 (A Ham) W Num 3-7	P Doe (7)	98
18	(12)	256216	MARSH MARIGOLD 9 (S) fladysmoot Paring Club; 1.1 Meads 3-6	T Field (7)	96
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Bailey aims for Hennessy

STRONG MEDICINE, trained by Kim Bailey, will return to Newbury next month for the Hennessy Gold Cup after winning the Kone Lifts Handicap Chase at the Berkshire track yesterday. Ridden by Conor O'Dwyer, Strong Medicine was left in second when Egypt Mill Prince was pulled up lame entering the home straight, and stayed on to beat Easthorpe by 12 lengths.

Bailey's assistant, Alex Hales, said: "He'll go for the Hennessy now as we've been very pleased with his work at home in the past two weeks and he's shown he stays three miles. Conor said he was pleased with the horse as apart from jumping to the right once he did absolutely nothing wrong."

RACING NEXT WEEK

MONDAY: Lelcester (first race, 1 15). Lingfield Park (AW, 1.30) TUESDAY: Leicester (1 30), Redcar (1.05), Chellenham (1 40) WEDNESDAY: Yarmouth (1 20). Cheltenham (1.10), Fontwell Park

THURSDAY: Nottingham (1.00), Sedgeheld (1.10), Stratford (1.50). FRIDAY: Newmarket (12 50) Bangor (1 10), Wetherby (1 30). SATURDAY: Newmarket (C4, 1 00). Wolverhampton (AW, 7 00), Ascot (BBC, 12 50), Kelso (1 00), Warvack (12.40), Wetherby (C4, 12.50). Flat meetings in bold



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TURDAY OCTOBER 26 19

RACING: PAST BREEDERS' CUP FAILURES SAP CONFIDENCE IN MILE FAVOURITE

Ghosts of history stalk Mark Of Esteem

ROM JULIAN MUSCAT

IT WAS a throwaway line from Frankie Denori that neatly summarised the chances of Mark Of Esteem in the Breeders' Cup Mile here today. Within a positive assessment of Europe's champion miler-elect. Dettori guardedly added: "Everything looks right about the horse but we won't know how well he has taken the journey until after the race."

That detail is worth remembering. In the last decade, Shadeed, Milligram, Warning. Zilzal. Markoldistinction and Bigstone all travelled to the Breeders' Cup on the back of euphoric victories in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes. All were routed, yet un every Breeders' Cup eve, the Ameri-

7.25 Ltt De Justice

cans were promised it would be different this time. The track is generous, the climate favourable and Mark

Of Esteem was devastating when winning at Ascot. The bay has had a light season. will have his favoured surface and should outclass inferior opposition. If only it were that simple. Every year we take our best horses but our record is not too great." Dettori noted.

Ordinarily, such negative pointers might be worth over-looking in the belief that Mark Of Esteem's class will pull him through. But not at his skimpy odds. Taking even money about the colt is about as attractive as betting on Lord Lucan reappearing aboard Shergar. Much though the heart beats for Mark Of Esteem, the head dictates that Memories Of Silver, unbeaten in four outings on turl, is an each-way steal at 9-1 with Ladbrokes.

The rise of Memories Of Silver has been meteoric. She won her maiden immediately she was switched to turi, dismissed a grade three field by six lengths two months later and outran Shake The Yoke in record time at Keeneland three weeks ago.

Spinning World, the French challenger, has looked outstanding since arriving here. He would have been the selection had the rains persisted; the track was riding good to soft yesterday and dry weather is forecast.

The Breeders Cup Turf offers the European challenge its best shot. Local judges maintain the home contingent is weak, and one telling statistic endorses that view. Diplo-

matic Jet, the shortest-priced American runner, has posted a solitary victory in 22 starts away from his beloved Belmont Park.



Dettori: guarded

THUNDERER

Tikkanen, who both prevailed in the Turf after preparing in North America. Singspiel's Canadian International vic-Singspiel undertakes the

tory over this course and distance three weeks ago was successful route mapped out by Miss Alleged and emphatic, but he has never appealed in top-class company over 12 furlongs. His stable-mate, Pilsudski, comes here from a gruelling race in the Arc, and no horse has won this after reaching the frame in Paris,

WORCESTER

2.05 Steadtast Elite. 2.35 Seod Rioga. 3.05 Southern Nights. 3.35 Call Equiname. 4.10 Strong Tarquin.

2.05 CITY AND COUNTY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,087; 2m) (10 runners)

9-4 Steadlest Eldo, 7-2 Algore Mest, 4-1 Thuhool, 9-2 Zingdon, 7-1 Anlace, 10-1 Pussy Steel Boy, 12-1 others

2.35 JOHN BURKE MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE

25-9 MENTLAMAS-DEPICTAL 7 (U.BF.6.S.) P Nicholis 10-11-10

A P McCoy

P ML 1 PINE HARNYEST 15 (D.F.) I Spearing 10-11-10

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S F24 SCOD RIOGA 189 (D.F.6.S.) S Mellar 7-11-9

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S 75-MAN MODOL 24 (B.S.) C Rodots 5-11-5

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S 37-MAN MODOL 24 (B.S.) C Rodots 5-11-5

G Braden

S 45-THE CAUMRILE 210 (B.S.) G Braden 9-11-0

M A Rizgerald

4 45-THE CAUMRILE 210 (B.S.) G Braden 9-11-0

M F F1 MANN SFLASH 588 (D.G.S.) S Earle 9-10-5

C Maude

4 404-ZEREDAR 184 K Bridge 6-10-4

C D'Depyer

S 804 Rioga, 31-4 Fine Harnest, 7-2 Mandands-Grossest 7-1 Marie Mandand 4-2

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5-2 Send Rugo, 11-4 Fine Horrest, 7-2 Hentande-General 7-1 Man Mood 8-1 Fell O'Phase, 12-1 The Courance, 14-1 others.

OS-1 DONTLEANETHEREST 138 (G) R Curts 6-11-10 D Morris
P-F ANOTHER HUBBILLOK 9 P Nicholis 5-11-0 D Burrows (7)
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665 PPHTLAMAS FLYER 280 H Turston-Davies 5-11-0 P Phile
675 SERRA REVADA 66 P Nicholis 5-11-0 A P MicCoy
401- SRI DAVITE 207 (F) R Rows 5-11-0 C C COnserver
685 SOUTH-PRIM MICHOS 800 1 Reinley 5-11-0 G C COnserver

11 401- SR DANTE 207 69 R Roses 5-31-0 Pidde
2 St SOUTH-BRN MGANTS 600 R dayley 6-11-0 C O'Desyst
3 000- STORAM TIGER 277 S Melor 5-11-0 M Marin
14 BP- STLVESTER 357 Mics A Boyd 6-11-0 M A Ricgerald
15 00- OLDEN GANS 211 G Thomes 4-10-13 McChael Breman (5)
16 330 POWERFUL SPRIT 42 J O'Shea 4-10-13 McChael Breman (5)
17 0344 KRTHARNES 5000 59 D Hydr 6-10-9 G Bradley
18 060- MESP 157 J O'Shea 5-10-9 Hydr 6-10-9 M Johnson
19 073- BEL-DE-MOOR 154 M Maggeradge 4-10-8 W Merston
19-2 Str Dante, 5-1 Paydants Fiver 5-1 Middle American

9-2 Sir Dante, 5-1 Pentlands Flyer, 5-1 Myltical Approach, 7-1 Southern Mydres. Ritythm And Blues, 8-1 Bouard for Gold, 10-1 Sienz Nevada, 14-1 others

3.35 FRED RIMELL MEMORIAL NOVICES CHASE

(24,356: ZTI 41 (10/Q) (6)

1 10-1 CALL EQUIRAME 21 (G.S) P Micholis 6-11-6... A P McCoy
2 P. PMONTSMITERMASHANI. 188P M Shroppart 7-11-0... B Power
3 07 PNE THYME 49 (F.8.5) G Harmood 7-11-0... M A Properato
4 6- MILLERONE 184 R Rows 6-11-0... P. Visits
5 40-4 MORSTICCK 24 (G) H Hodges 6-11-0... J. Firest
6 42-P RAFTERS 37 (R.S.5) J Bardley 7-31-0... R. Johnson
7 02/ COMERDALE LANE 540 (S) Mirs S Smith 9-10-13 Mr P Misster
8 52-F SWIMG GUARTET 12 (G) M Texton-Davies 6-10-9 C Literative
8-13 Call Expansion. 4-1 Smitg Outrel. 5-1 Pite Thyme. 10-7 Morstock. Coverdale
Late. 12-1 Malterna, 14-1 others

4.10 DURR 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (23,363: 2m 7l) (18)

4.40 LADBROKES HANDICAP HURDLE

9-2 Artheretic. 5-7 Weitschambles, 6-1 Teen Jay. Go Ballistic. 7-1 Balanat. 8-1 Mahri, La Mexorquina, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAMERS: MAS H Kinght, 12 winners from 40 namers, 30.0%, P Netholis, 11 from 46, 24.4%, D Netholson, 17 from 72, 23.6%, K Basiey, 22 from 98, 22.4%, C Brooks, 6 korn 29, 20.7%, G Basking, 18 from 88, 20.5%.

JOCKE'VS: Mr R. Domiton, 3 remeters from 9 miles, 33.3%, J. Osborne, 28 from 100, 28.0%, N. Morm, 7 from 26, 25.0%; A.P. NeCov, 23 horn 55, 24.2%; G. Bradley, 10: torm 53, 18.6%, N. Massey, 4 from 27, 18.2%.

(£3,732: 2m 4f) (13)

(£4,338: 2m 4(110yd) (8)

3.05 JOHN MURPHY 75TH BIRTHDAY EBF

NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,478: 2m 2f) (19)

1 33-4 NEWLANDS-GENERAL 7 (D.8F,G,S) P Nicholis 10-11-10

The prospect of Dushyantor mastering this field in Europe would be remote, yet the Sadier's Wells colt has been a bastion of health since reaching Woodbine. Remarkably, his courage has been questioned, an utterly disgraceful label given his recovery from a torrid passage in the Derby. He can silence the doubters: his price should be larger at local odds than at home Swain and Pilsudski could conceivably sweep the places for Europe, although the enigmatic Tailoires lurks danger

ously in the pack. Splendid though Ikiamal appears, his prospects in the Sprint have been lessened by his position in stall four. The race will surely be over by the time he gets accustomed to the kickback. In an open race, Lit De Justice may spring a mild

At his best, Tamayaz could sneak third place in the \$4 million Classic, but all eyes will be on Cigar. Two defeats in his last three starts suggest Cigar is vulnerable, the strains of racing over four seasons evidently taking their toll. He is only a sentimental selection in what will almost certainly be his last race.

YESTERDAY'S

RESULTS

Going: good to firm forase course; good (hurdles)

2.10 (2m 110)d roller 1, Kesawa (C Llowollyn 9-2) 2.10 Tessu (7-1), 3 Screnus (4-1) Croux Star 6-4 lay 13 ran 147 Shooting Loth 11-4 110 N Tu-Son-Davies Tole 6610 E170, 5170 5180 DF E14 10, Tho 51620 CSF 53428

2.40 (2m 110yd hetle 1, Country Star iJ Osbono, 2-1; 2, Myrton's Choose (Evens lay), 3, Oh So Ricky (16-3) 3 ran MR Frogmands, Sessonal Splendour, 1-3, 15i C Brooks, Tote: \$2.50 DF \$1.30 CSF \$4 02

24 U. 2011 41 chi 1. Strong Medicine (C. O'Dwyer, 11-4): 2. Easthorne (5-2 tov). 3. Commercial Abost (12-1). 5 ran. NR: Old Bridge. 15-1. 2014 62 70. 61 60, 61 70. DF 63 90 CSF 53 12

3.40 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Mistinguett (C Llewellyn, 3-1): 2, Hatta Breeze (13-2), 3, Paddy's Renum (10-11 (av) 4 (am 7), 100 N Twiston-Davies Tota: £4.50 DF £10.80 CSF £16.36

4.10 (2m 11 ch) 1, Plunder Bay (M A Fitogerald, 4-61av); 2, Chiton Game (9-2); 3, Ambissandor Royale (9-4) 3 can MR Buckhouse Boy, Call Equiname, Glentower NK, dist. N Henderson, Tota £160 DF 52.70 CSF 53.35

4.40 (3m 110₉d hdie) 1, Lansdowne (A P McCoy, 7-2), 2, Jack Button (5-1), 3, Yes Man (7-4 fav) 7 ran 11:1, 41 P Nicholls. Tota E4 00, £1.50, £2 50 DF £11 30 CSF-£20.24

Placepot: £158.30. Quadoot: £42.80.

Going: good, good to firm in places

Doncaster

Newbury

SPORT IN BRIEF

Cannock captain under investigation

MIDLAND COUNTIES hockey management committee is investigating a complaint against the Cannock captain. Kalbir Takher (Sydney Friskin writes. The England and Great Britain centre half is alleged to have verbally abused the umpire, Hamish Jamson, after Cannock had lost 4-3 to East Grinstead in the Premier division this month.

Old Loughtonians face two tough Premier division matches this weekend, against Teddington today and Guildford tomorrow. Julian Halls has returned to Old Loughtonians after completing his coaching duties in Guernsey, but may not play because of an injury. If Teddington survive this match, however, and get past Reading tomorrow, they will see themselves as title contenders. Southgate have parted company with Robert Freeman, who has been key to their attack, but Nigel D'Cruz has rejoined them and is in the squad for both weekend matches, against Hounslow and Barford Tigers.

Cullinan in command

CRICKET: South Africa beat Australia by two wickets in Faridabad, India, yesterday to reach the final of the Titan Cup, largely through the efforts of Allan Donald and Daryll Cullinan, Donald's four wickets in eight balls saw Australia decline from 212 for five to 215 all out. Then Cullinan followed his 106 against India with a gritty, unbeaten 71 as South Africa got home with two overs to spare.

Tough test for Neary

BOXING: Shea Neary, the light-welterweight from Liverpool, meets the experienced American. Darryl Tyson, at Everton Park Leisure Centre tonight. Neary, noted for his punching power, has disposed of 14 of his 16 opponents inside the distance. Tyson, 36, has lost nine of 57 contests but has met some top names. Last February, he was knocked out by the outstanding Oscar De La Hoya.

Tomba misses opener

SKIING: Urs Kaelin, of Switzerland, and Lasse Kjus, of Norway, will lead the challengers to Michael von Grüningen, of Switzerland, when he begins the defence of his World Cup giant slalom championship at Sölden, in Austria, tomorrow. However, the great Italian, Alberto Tomba, will not take part after badly bruising his left knee and right wrist in a heavy fall during training.

BASERALL WORLD SERIES: New York 1 Atlanta 0 (New York leads best-of-seven series 3-2)

BASKETBALL BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Leopards 86 Crystal Palace 69

coong: good, good to firm in places
2.00 (7) 1, Really A Dream (F Lynch, 11-1);
2. Waypoint (12-1); 3, Myttons Mistake (33-1); A, Poter Retham (12-1) Stackaneck, 6-1
tav 22 ran 3t, sh hd M Stoute Tote
21:0.00; £2 50, £4.30, £8 60, £4.40 DF
£55:20 Tino £647.50 (pair worr; pool of
£592.80 termed forward to 4.15 at Doncaster today) CSF: £140.43 Tricast;
£3,984.42 BRENT TOWN HALL Wembley: Professional bilt: Featherweight (6 mds.). Simon Frailing (Hayes) bt Charlie Rumbol (Chalbam) pt. Light (8 mds). Colin Dunne (Holtoway) bt Bamana Dibaleza (Zaire) ps. Light (8 mds): Billy Schwer (Lunon) bt Alan Temple (Hattlepcol) pt. Light-welter (6 mds): Daniel James. (Newmarkett bl. Shabios Edwards (Bammondsey) pts. Welter (6 mds): Par Winght (Hoodesdon) bt Chaig Lynch (Edinburgh) pts. Welter (6 mds): Kevn McCarrhy (Bletchley) drew with Peter (Kevn McCarrhy (Bletchley) drew with Peter

Franch, 9-1), 2, Deann's Beens (12-1), 3, Kansma (9-1), Beaumoni 100-30 fav. 11 ran 4l. VI. N Babbage Tote: £11.00, £2.80, £1.90, £2.20. DF £48.40 Tno: £146.40 CSF: £97.20 Tricast £810.78.

240 34 4.00 (1m) 1. I Can't Remember (J F Egan, 16-11; 2. Mr. Bombashque (11-2); 3. Southerly Wind (5-2 lay) 15 ran. NR Gassy Process. NR. 1-4 P Eugen. Tote: E14 70; E3-50, £2 67. E170 DF: £43 60 Trio: E37.80 CSF: £58 04 Tricest: £583 71 4.30 (7) 1. Thords (k Darley, 9-1), 2, Nineacres (25-1); 3, Sharp Shuttle (9-4 tay), 21 ran, NFt What A Flass, 51, nk. P Mayin Toter 19.00, 02.50, 0.590, 0.170 DF \$298.70 The \$208.90, CSF \$209.21 5.00 (tim 21 60xd) 1, Blurred (M Henry, 100-30 law), 2, Also hilloystumming (20-1), 3, Alcia (20-1), 4, Rause A Prince (B-1), 17 ran NFr Apacella, 3), 2-1 M Tomplans, Total 64 00: 61 80, 62 80, 64 00, 62 30, DEF 575 70, Tim 6256.00, CSF 687-35 Trices 9.054 12.

Fakenham

CSF 522.44. Treast: (313.45
2.50 (3m 110yd ch) 1. Sprowston Boy (Ross Barry, 7-2), 2. Lucky Dollar (5-4 fay), 3. Joher Jack (40-1) 5 ran 2-4, 21 M Chapman Tote, 53.30; 51.70, 51.10 DF, 53.30 CSF: 57.80, 3.20 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Devliny (R Johnson, 3-1), 2, Shalik (55-1); 3, Wilder Muser (4-7 tax) 8 ran 4, 11 R Craggs Tole 54.50, 51.30, 53.90, 51.10. DF 549.80 CSF 559.53

Placepot £37.90.

4.55 COBELFRET/EXXTOR NOVICES CHASE 1 25-4 DOWN THE FELL 11 (F.G.S) H Johnson 7-11-4 N Williamson 7-15-2 S3-F HighLand Wax 14 (s) M Todenter 8-17-4 M Dwyer 3 PUP- STORMEL PL (F.G.S) 1 Easterly 7-17-4 P McLosell 4 400- THORNITON GAIE 175 (F.G.S) 1 Easterly 7-17-4 L West 5 CO-J KARREMSTRIO (J. Her. S Sach 5-11-3 M RESIDENCE 115 (S) Mrs P Roberton 6-10-13 M Residence (7)

5.25 park social / Trimesh Guardians maiden open national hunt flat race (£1,238. 1m 5i 110yd) (10)

BOXING

Kevin McCarify (Bletchley, Nightingale (Wednesbury) CRICKET

Titan Cup

(3.10 Wincanton tomorrow) Next best: Father Sky (2.40 Wincanton tomorrow)

Jackpot: not won (pool of \$31,871.06 carried forward to Doncaster today). Placepot: £331.70. Quedpot: £42.40.

2.20 (2m hole) 1, Hamadiyad (Mr F Thombon, 15-9); 2, Total Asset (12-1); 3, Alocate (20-1); Ragamuttin Romeo 11-8 les 9 ran 5), 81 Mrs V Ward, Tota: 12-80; 51-50; 22-70, E3-00, DF - £17-20 Tron £109-70 CSF 522-44, Treast; 5313-46 4-1 Strong Turquin, 5-1 Demine, 6-1 The Go Ahead, 7-1 Spearhead Again, 8-1 Seymour Spy, Seasanacacrille, 12-1 others

,732: 2m 4f) (13)

481- GO BALLSTIC 206 (CD.F.E.S) JOSher 7-12-0 M A Fitzperald

2001- BALAMAK 212 (S) O Samiolin 6-11-10 — A Magnate

3 501- TEEN LAY 9F (F.E.S) B Livership 6-11-7 V Santony

1 1151 WIDTTASHAMBLES 14 (CD.) L. Mankapin Hall 3-11-3 D Monts

1 110- ARTHMERIC 212 (D.S) Mas J Person 6-11-3 — W Marshan

1 110- MARTHMERIC 212 (D.S) Mas J Person 6-11-3 — W Marshan

200- MARTHMERIC 212 (D.S) Masslo 9-11-0 — T Eley

1 200- MARTH 245 (G.S.) J. Marsho 9-11-2 L. Harvey

200- MARTHMERIC 212 (D.S.) Marsho 9-11-0 — T Eley

1 1151 SPRONG TO GLORY 20F (E.F.S) P Hayman 9-10-8 — B Fenton

1 125 SPRONG TO GLORY 20F (E.F.S) P Hayman 9-10-8 — B Fenton

1 200- MARTHMERIC 212 (F.S) W Letts 5-10-7 — G. Livershyn

1 417 CEL 1700 SSS (S.) T For at 8-10-3 — S Livershyn

1 417 CEL 1700 SSS (S.) T For at 8-10-3 — S Livershyn

1 28 LA MERICHOLINA 14 (S) (BP) D Marts 5-10-7 — JA MCCarthy

1 29 LIST FOR A REASON 183 (G) R Juckes 4-10-0 — R Johnson

Marthmeric 5-1 Woltschambles, 6-1 Teen Jan. 60 Ballone, 7-1 (Blarnds, 8-1

4.20 (2m hdle) 1, Cottage Prince II, Wyer, 2-1 fav; 2, Sunley Secure (3-1), 3, Stoleamarch (1-1) 10 ran, 3, 1 V / J (Durn 7 dor 52.80, 51.30, 51.20, 55.20, DF 54.30 Tuo 632.60 CSF 59.66 4.50 (2m 5/ 110yd ch) 1, Crafty Chaplain (1) Walsh, 2-1); 2, Cracking Frost (4-7 lav), 3, Fabulous Francy (8-1) 4 ran 8i das 1) McCan Tote 12 70 OF, £1.50 CSF 23 65.

FOR THE RECORD

Australia v South Africa

FARIDABAD (Australia won toss) South Alnca baet Australia by two wickets

AUSTRALIA

*M A Taylor c McMillan b Symcox ...
M E Waugh c Pichardson b McMillan n. R I Porting at Richardson b Symcox ...
S R Waugh c McMillan b Bole
M G Bevan c Hudson b Bole
M G Bevan c Hudson b Bole
M G Bevan b Donald
B J Hogg Bow b Donald
P R Refiel b Donald
P R Heffel b Donald
D W Flemman not out

OW Fleming not out GD McGrath c Cronje b Donald

Extras (b 1, fb 8, w 3, nb 4)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34, 2-72, 3-107, 4-128, 5-162, 6-212, 7-212, 8-212, 9-214

90-MING de Villers 9-0-35-0, McMiller 9-0-41-1; Cronie 2-0-12-0; Donald 8-3-0-31-4; Symcox 10-0-43-2, Boje 9-0-44-2.

SOUTH AFRICA

Total (8 wkts, 47.2 overs) 218

FALL OF WICKETS, 1-3, 2-40, 3-77, 4-142, 5-142, 6-184, 7-205, 8-214.

90MUNG Reming 8.2-1-53-1. Relifiel 10-1-35-4: McGrath 10-1-50-0: Hagg 8-1-23-1, Law 3-0-14-0: M E Waugh 8-1-34-0

CYCLING

SOUTH AFRICA: Botand Bank Tour: Stage SA (120 Informatives): 1. A Redami (84) 2nd 3hman Sisact: 4. R Hayles (18th at Smin 279ec. Stage SB (14-klomette tree-mal): 1. M Backstodi (Swe) 18min 01sec: 4. Hayles at min 15sec. Overall leader: A Wolhunter (SA)

FOOTBALL

ITALIAN CUP: Third round: Cagillari 2 Internazionale 2 Internationale 2 DUTCH LEAGUE: Alax 2 RKC Waahinik 0

FRENCH LEAGUE: Bordeaux 3 Montpel

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GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL CUP:
Cman Durined Arab Emirates 0 (in Muscati,
SUPERCUP: Quarter-finel: Colo Colo
(Crule) 1 Flamengo (Br) 0 (in Santiago).
UEFA UNDER-18 CHAMPIONSHIP:
Qualifying round: Poland 1 Dermark. 1
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Premier
division: Northogham Forest 0 Streffield
Wordnesday 5; Oldham Athletic 2 Everton 2.
Flast division: Coverily 0 Sunderland 1
FA YOUTH CUP: Second qualifying

A A Donald did not bar

Man of the metch A A Donald

Total (47.3 overs)

2.39 (1m) 1. Calypeo Grant (G Hand. 5-1); 2. Summer Dance (5-2 law); 3. Brave Kits (11-4), 15 tan 1% (2 % P Hams Tote: 67-30; 62-20, 62-00, 61-80, 0F, 612-80, Tho: £16-20, CSF: £20,04 3.00 (1m 6f 132yd) 1. Great Term (R Firench, 9-1), 2, Deano's Beeno (12-1), 3.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: GALES CAVALIER

3.30 (7f) 1, Sophomore (M Hills, 5-2 lav); 2, Labeq (16-1); 3, Minersville (9-1); 12 ran. -41, 1/ B Hills Tale: £3 40, £1 50, £3 30, £3 30 DF £30 50 Tno. £125.90 CSF-£40 39

Going: good, good to lirm in places

3.50 (2mhdie) 1, Pair Of Jacks (D Fort), 2-1 (av); 2, Rot Du Nord (5-1); 3, Red Light (14-1): 7 ran, 21, 61 G L Moore, Tole; £2.50-£1 30, £3 00, DF- £10 10 CSF- £12.47

23 65.
5.20 (2m ftst) 1, Boots Madden (R Johnson, 4-1); 2, Fred Light (9-2), 3, Big Stan's Boy (7-4 fav), 11 ran 6, 14t Mass V Williams 1 one: £6.40, £2.10, £2.30, £1.50 DF: £28.90, Thor £20 10, £25.93

First division: Coverity 0 Sunderland 1
FA YOUTH CUP: Second qualifying round: Yeovil 4 Eastergh 1
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Inter-county match junder 19: Notis: 1 West Yorkshire 5. Esser Cup under-16: Surrey 0 Easts 3 London Cup (under-15): Michiesex 6 Buckinghamshire 2; Surrey 3 Essex 2 Knowles Cup (under-14): Michiesex 5 Buckinghamshire 0.

PERPISINANI, France: European Tour pre-qualitying actional: Landiers after three rounds: Emporde: 204: C Clark, (leg 66, 68, 70 205: W Berment (Eng) 70, 66, 67 206: A Wall (Eng) 68, 70, 68, 206: F Clark, (Scot) 71, 65, 72, 209: S Pistrobore (N) 72, 68, 69, 210: J Carvill, Ni Ivil 70, 72, 68, 8 ingleby (Eng) 65, 75, 70, 5 Mattson (Swe) 70, 70, 70; Thunoc (Sp) 70, 70, 70 211: F Orest (Swe) 89, 72, 70 79, 70, 70, 71; F Orest (Swe) 89, 72, 70 79, 70, 70, 70; T Marchbark (Scot) 67, 75, 70, 214: M Persson (Swe) 71, 71, 72, 215: A Clapp (Eng) 71, 72, 72, 216: G Harmenton (Eng) 73, 72, 71, 217: S Cronin (Eng) 72, 73, 73, J Robinson (Eng) 73, 72, 73 Panoramica: 207: D Jones (Eng) 55, 74, 68, 208: A Beel (Eng) 72, 89, 67, J Carries (Sp) 67, 73, 68, 209: M Pysti (Eng) 68, 70, 71, 210: G Bantitaldi (It) 70, 72, 68: A Da Sálva (Br) 73, 68, 69: N Ludwall (Eng) 68, 70, 71, 210: G Bentitaldi (It) 70, 70, 68, P Derksen (Holi) 70, 70, 70, M Shotz (Swo) 71, 71, Persiadae 205: J Giorinagen (Swo) 72, 68, 65 208, J Nula (Fr) 70, 70, 68, P

Nyberg (Swel 66, 72, 70 210; C Bovel (Switz) 65, 74, 70 212; A Canelle (April 73, 71, 69; G Nucklaus (Sis 69, 73, 70, 1 Flostillo (Sp) 70, 71, 71 214; C Duran (Switz) 72, 72, 70; C Poncial (Scot) 70, 72, 72, 1 Gurnner (US) 74, 68, 72, St Cyperien; 208; O Dunakey (US) 69, 70, 69, M Grankws (Swel) 70, 68, 70, 213; J Murray (Irel 71, 68, 74, 214; O Edmond (Fr) 71, 71, 72; G Shemy (Scot) 68, 72, 74, 215; O Debson (Fr) 73, 72, 70; E Galaud (Fr) 71, 72, 72, L James (Erng) 74, 68, 73, SOUTHERN HILLS, Tulsa; Tour Champonship: First round (US anteres stated) 66; V Singh First Tound (US anteres Stated) 66; V Singh First, T U Watson, T Woods, J Cook, S Stricker 71; J Stuman, F Funk, C Parm, D Duval, M Bischley 72, J Fryk, D Love, 73; K Perry, T Tolles, J Leonard, G Norman (Aus), S Hoch, M Brooks 74; D Waddon, M O'Mears 75; N Faido (GB), 76; E Els (SA), 78; J Maggrer, GOLD, COAST, Australia: Players, Champlorship: Leaders after two rounds (Aus unites stated) 131; J Coope 67, 64, 135; B Hughes 70, 65; J Wess (US) 55; T

Aus unikas stated) 131: J. Cooper 87, 63 135: B Hughes 70, 65: J J West, US) 65, 70 138: S Laycock 67, 71 139: A Painter 70, 69: C Spence 65, 74 140: C Kyung-ju (S Kot) 74, 66; R Stephens 74, 66 143: C Kampa (SA) 73, 68; S Leaney 69, 72 142: G Jovner 73, 69: P Devenpor (NZ) 77, 70, D Cole 72, 70: D Barnes 72, 70, J-L Guepy (Fi) 71, 71, M Long (NZ) 71, 71, G Chalmers 71, 71

HOCKEY PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad: Women's World Cup: Preiminary round: Pool A: Scotland 3 South Africa 2 Pool B: New Zealand 8 Cube 0; Czech Republic 0 France 4, Belgum 1 Japan 3 Play-offs: Pitth: South Africa 6 France 1

ICE HOCKEY

SUPERLEAGUE: Cardif 4 Basingstoke 7 NATIONAL LEAGUE (PAIL) Chicago 6 St Louis 4, New Jersey 3 San Jose 1: Hartford 4 Anahem 1, Toronto 2 Boston 1, Butfalo 6 Montreal 3; Ottawa 5 Tampa Bay 2 **REAL TENNIS**

BORDEAUX: French Open: Qualifying round: A Lyons (GB) 6-5, 6-2, 2-6, 6-1 First round: L Deuchar (Aus) bit R Gunn (GB) 6-4, 6-1, 2-8, 2-6, 6-3 Jones (GB) bit S Vigons (Aus) 6-4, 6-3, 6-1, ret; N Wood (GB) bit J Howelt (GB) 6-1, ret; N Wood (GB) bit J Howelt (GB) 6-2, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; C Bray (GB) bit D Jones (GB) 6-0, 6-5, 6-4; M Gooding (GB) wo P Tabley (Aus), Lyons bit A Philips (GB) 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Second International match New Zeeland 18 Great Britain New Zealand: Tress: Win 2 Ngamu, Goals: Ridge 3 Greel Britain: Tries: Berts: Hunta. Goals: Goulding 3 Dropped goal: Goulding

Tour match Jumor Kiwis 27 G Britain Acad 24 (both at Palmerston North)

RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Wales Youth XV 27 Canada Under-19 9 SNOOKER

BOURNEMOUTH INTERNATIONAL CENTRE: Grand Pric: Guarder-Brails: M Williams (Wales) DI A Robidous (Can) 5-3, J Panoti (Engl of J Wallana (Thai) 5-3

TABLE TENNIS NIMES: Men's World Cup: Pool B: Liu Guolang (China) by Samsonov (Bela) 21-19, 21-18. Pool D: J Rosskopt (Gor) bt J-P Gatten (Fr) 21-19, 15-21, 21-11, km Tazk Soo (Kor) bt S Tomble (Negera) 21-16. 21-16; Liu Guolleng (China) bt P Jackson (NZ) 21-15, 21-8; V Samsonov (Bela) bt 7 Printovac (Cor) 21-19, 13-21, 21-17 Peol C: Ding Song (China) bt J-M Saive (Bel) 21-19, 8-21, 21-10, J Persson (Swe) bt Cheng Yinghas (US) 21-13, 21-9 Pool D: J Rosskopt (Ger) bt Kim Tack Soo (Kut) 16-21, 21-18, 21-0; J-P Gatten (Frt bt S Toriola (Nigeria) 21-12, 21-11

TENNIS

STUTTGART: Men's tournament: Trikd round; P Sampras (US) by F Mantilla (Sc) 6-1, 6-4, M Chang (US) by J Couner (US) 7-5, 6-2 Cluster-finalis; J Semerins (Holi) of G learnisone (Col. 6-2, 7-6; P Sampras (US) by A Agassi (US) 6-4, 6-1; M Chang (US) by M Rober (Moren's tournament: Second round; A Huber (Ge) by A CAS2 (Pol) 6-3, 1-6, 6-0, A-G Sidot (Fr) by P Schrijder (Switz) 6-7, 6-0; H Nagrova (Storakas) by B Schedt (Auntile) 9-3, 7-8, K Studenikora (Slovakie) by N Taubal (Fr) 6-3, 6-4, N Zerelva (Belat by J Wasner (Austra) 6-4, 8-2, Cuteriva (Belat by J Wasner (Austra) 6-4, 6-3, 6-6; T ALWICON: LTA Resour Tour: Mentile (US) 6-1, N Zerelva (Belat by J Wysh for M Coombe 3-1, re; A Foster by G Saffery 6-3, 4-6, 7-6, 6-6 male: Lammar by E, 6-4, 7-6 final: Sapelord by Wyeth 6-4, 6-3, Women: Countre-finals: O Sepsiord 17-6, 6-2, 1 An by J Choudhuy 6-2, 3-6, 6-1; K Cross by L Woodrolla 6-2, 4-6, 6-2

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WOODBINE JULIAN MUSCAT 6.55 Barbed Wire 8.35 Memories Of Silver

8.00 Jewel Princess 10.35 Ciga: GOING FAST (DIRT) YIELDING (TURF) DRAW: LOW FAVOURED

9.10 Ordway

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LIVE ON SKY SPORTS 2, EXCEPT 6 55 (DELAYED COVERAGE) 6.55 BREEDERS CUP JUVENILE FILLIES (2-Y-0 £335,484; 1m 110yd dirt) (12 runners)

. C McCarron A Solis E Plansamby M Smith LOCAL FORECAST 5-2 Storm Song, 7-2 Sturp Cat, 6-1 Cheyenne Cay and Cay Band (coupled in all pools), 6-1 Love That Jazz, Minuter's Metody, Runaway Mary, 10-1 Barbed Wise, 16-1 others

7.25 BREEDERS CUP SPRINT (£335,484: 61 dirt) (13 runners) (1) 462101 APPEALING SKIER 3S (C.S.) (New Farm) B Potins 3-8-11
(2) 015111 LORD CARSON 20 (G) (D Reynolds) D W Lukes 4-9-0
(3) 111122 CAPOTE BELLE 35 (G) (L & R Low) D Petz 3-8-8

3 (3) 111722 CAPOTE BELLE 35 (6) (L & R Low) D Petz 3-8-8. JR Volkstynet
(4) 151441 (STAMAL 49 (F.E.) (M Al-Matdoum) E Dunlop (GB) 4-9-0. W Ryan
(5) -113413 (LT DE JUSTICE 70 (G.S) (Evergires Fam) Jerine Saltada 6-9-0. C Maladari
(6) 2-53221 LAKOTA BRANE 20 (G) (505 FarmsAfeadep,Alkarabura Adjuste), B Hendley 7-9-0. A Solis
(7) 142122 DEROLLTIO 20 (G) (6 & R Levra) B Ballent 5-9-0. C Maladari
(8) 142222 CROLLTIO 20 (G) (6 & R Levra) B Ballent 5-9-0. C Maladari
(9) 142122 HOWOUR AND DELORY 35 (G) (M Tabor) D W Luica 3-8-11 G Signets
(10) 142122 HOWOUR AND DELORY 35 (G) (F Schoolach J Petro 8-9-0. H McCaulley
(11) (12) 240111 LANESTURR 35 (G) (G Schoolach J Petro 8-9-0. J Claimez
(7) 411134 PAYING DUES 20 (G) (Bullanghe/Deror/Wenty) C Size 4-9-0. J Claimez
(7) 41134 PAYING DUES 20 (G) (Diech Thoroughbrid Farro) J Forbes 6-9-0. J Melle Krome
(10) 15 (15

LOCAL FORECAST. 3-1 Hornour And Glory. 4-1 Capote Belle. 5-7 Lamber, 6-7 Let De Justice. Lord Casson, 8-1 Croditio, 10-1 Labora Beave, Adartal, 14-1 Paying Date and Jess C'- What (completed as the field), 25-1 others. 8.00 BREEDERS CUP DISTAFF

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(Fillies and mares: £335,484: 1m 1l dirl) (7 runners) (1) 312212 JEWEL PRINCESS 20 (G) (R & M Schoolly 4-8-11 ... C Melcaron (2) 11-1111 DRFERENT 20 (F.G) (S Coop) R Michaelly 4-8-11 ... C Melcaron (3) 215-131 MYSTERIOUSEY 42 (B) (F Street) D Velta 5-8-11 ... DOUBTFUL (4) 122322 SERBIAS 500(6 20 (G) (B & R Coors) D W Luther 4-8-11 ... C Stevens (5) 503134 MY PLAS 20 (G) 20 (G) (B C R Coors) D W Luther 4-8-11 ... C Stevens (6) 101032 10P SECRET 20 (G) (J Peace) 6 Annold 3-8-7 ... M Smith (7) 154143 CLEAR MANDATE 20 (E) (P Forms & B Humphrey) 6 Annold 4-8-11 ... C Parest

LDCAL FORECAST: 2-1 Different 5-2 Service's Scorp, 4-1 Jenni Princess, My Pag. 12-1 Clear Mandage, Top Secret **8.35** Breeders CUP MILE (£335,484: 1rn turi) (14 numbers) 1 (7) -21241 CHARMWOOD FOREST 9 (F) (Godolphin) S tim Sunor (68) 4-9-0. W R Swemborn
1 (17) -21-1011 MARK OF ESTEEM 29 (F,61) (Godolphin) S tim Sunor (68) 3-8-10. L Detion
1 (11) -21-1011 MARK OF ESTEEM 29 (F,61) (Godolphin) S tim Sunor (68) 3-8-10. L Detion
2 (1) -11-4223 HELASSMAM 118 F,60) (Horoton Stable) W Dollass 4-9-0. C Relatatin
3 (2) 144121 KSRIDASSH 27 (6,5) (Morental Farms) Mrs 8 Marshall 4-9-0. M Walls
4 (3) 613133 VOLOCHUE 21 (F,6.5) (Somerate Stable) N O'Callaghan 5-9-0. J D Bailey
5 (4) 321111 MEMORIES OF SALVER 21 (F,5.) I & J Profest J Tomer 3-8-10. J D Bailey
6 (5) 1-1111 CHAPOSA SPRINGS 69 (8) (S Charlagnano) M Woltsm 4-8-11. C Perret
7 (8) 20-3112 DA HOSS 21 (F,6.) (February of Farm) M Dictoron 4-9-0. G Sinverts
8 (2) 0-10401 URGENT REQUEST 21 (F,6.5) (S Attend C Watergham 8-9-0. A 5-68s
9 (4) -321612 SPRINMS WORLD 48 (F,6.5) (Nearchus Farmiy) J Pease (F) 3-8-10. C Assessan
10 (13) 256211 SAME OLD WISH 21 (F,5.) (F Gurbath, R Sathara 6-9-0. S Selbath
11 (14) 112-122 SMOOTH RUNNER 45 (F) (R Gurbath, R Sathara 6-9-0. JR Velacopini
12 (10) -553256 MIGHTY FORWAI 21 (F,5.) (Feam Valon) N Membe 5-9-0. JR Velacopini
13 (10) -553256 MIGHTY FORWAI 21 (F,6.) (Sam Valon) N Membe 5-9-0. JR Velacopini
14 (11) -155621 DUMAAN 11 (F,6.) (Shadwell Stable) N McLamplin 5-9-0. Julie Known
15 (10) -553256 MIGHTY FORWAI 21 (F,6.) (Sam Valon) N Membe 5-9-0. Julie Known
16 (10) -563256 DUMAAN 11 (F,6.) (Shadwell Stable) N McLamplin 5-9-0. Julie Known
17 (10) -553256 MIGHTY FORWAI 21 (F,6.) (Sam Valon) N Membe 5-9-0. Julie Known
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LOCAL FORECAST: 6-4 Mark OI Extrem and Chammood Forest (coupled), 5-1 Da Hoss, 6-1 Springry Woold 8-1 Memories OI Soher, 12-1 Helmsman, Urgent Request 16-1 Dumaont and Migrity Forum (coupled), 20-1 others 9.10 BREEDERS CUP JUYENILE (2-Y-O colls and geldings, £335.484; 1m 110yd dirt) (11 runners) (1) 13121 CASH DEPOSAT 20 (6) IF Saturach) B Vella S-10
(2) 12211 BOSTON HARBOR 15 (6) (Overtnor) Farmi D W Lukes 8-10
(3) 233 GOLD TREUTE 21 (6) Lews, M Tabox) D W Lukes 8-10
(4) 13121 HS HONDR 20 (6) (R Rober) D Viron 8-10
(5) 4134 EUR HOFT 21 (6) (Bucksan Dak Farm) M Mouteral 8-10
(6) 2131 ORMAY 21 (6) (R Okes) D Doni 8-10
(7) 21502 ZPPERSUP 20 (M Pegam) B Bellam 6-10
(8) 2313C1 SALS DRAVER 20 (6) Italian Access 6 Frecado 8-10
(9) 2 MSCHELLE SALLIAMDS 20 (A Zecon M Zeco 6-10
(10) 4118 ACCEPTABLE 21 (6) (Kinstrean Sablet N Zec 6-10
(11) 1121 FALKOMHAM 43 (F.5) (J. 8 G Dye M Haite 8-10
(11) LIST FALKOMHAM 43 (F.5) (J. 8 G Dye M Haite 8-10
(12) KINSTRAST 2-1 Orman 5-2 Boston Hatto 6-1 Gold Inbute, 8-1 Cash Depotal, 12-1 Accept

LOCAL FORECAST: 2-1 Ormany 5-2 Boston Harton 6-1 Gold Tribute: 3-1 Cash Deposit, 12-1 Acceptable: 16-1 Typersup Fallentom 20-1 Gun Fight His Funcer Michelle Salthends, Sal's Driver 9.50 BREEDERS CUP TURF (£670,968: 1m 41 lun) (14 numers) 10) 3-01214 SWAND 20 (5.5) (Cheb) Mohammed) A Fabre (F) 4-9 0
14 (7) 332111 SWAND 20 (5.5) (Cheb) Mohammed) A Fabre (F) 4-9 0
15 (7) 332111 SWAND 21 (7.5) (Sheh) Mohammed) J Gosden (GB) 3-8-9
16 (10) 1-12211 SMGSPH2 27 (F.6.5) (Sheh) Mohammed) J Gosden (GB) 3-8-9
17 (10) 1-12211 SMGSPH2 27 (F.6.5) (Sheh) Mohammed) M Shobe (GB) 3-9-0
18 (10) 1-12211 SMGSPH2 27 (F.6.5) (Fh Hospes) J From 4-9-0
19 (10) 1-12212 SMGSPH2 27 (F.6.5) (Fh Hospes) J From 4-9-0
19 (10) 1-12212 SMGSPH2 27 (F.6.5) (Fh Hospes) J From 4-9-0
19 (10) 1025 LUNA WELLS 20 (F.6.5) (Fh Lagratize) A Fabre (F) 3-8-6
16 (11) 10265 LUNA WELLS 20 (F.6.5) (Fh Lagratize) A Fabre (F) 3-8-6
16 (12) 102-12 TALLOMES 56 (F.5.) Rhaze on Microsop R Mondella 6-9-0
19 (10) 13133 MARLIN 21 (F) (M Tabort D W Lulies 3-8-9
10 (11) 1-13133 MARLIN 21 (F) (M Tabort D W Lulies 3-8-9
10 (13) 112424 WMDSRAPP 27 (F) (Mbest D W Lulies 3-8-9
10 (13) 112424 WMDSRAPP 27 (F) (Mohammed) Corph W Dolkes 5-8-11
10 (14) 134112 CHEE SEARHAPT 27 (F) (San-Son Samm) M Fixzle 3-8-9
10 (14) 134112 CHEE SEARHAPT 27 (F) (San-Son Samm) M Fixzle 3-8-9 ... Pat Editory Lesa McFarland

10CAL FORECAST 2-1 Smyspel, Seam, Steniou and Wall Shed (combined), 4-1 Ased, 5-1 Diplomatic Jet 6-1 Pilaucin 8-1 Dictinguisti, 12-1 Chol Beatlant, Tallones, 16-1 others 10.35 BREEDERS CUP CLASSIC (£1,341,935: 1m 2f dirt) (14 runners) 1 (1) 315213 DARE AND GO 21 (G.S.) (La Proche Farm) B Mandells 5-9-0 (1) 21 (1) 137 (9) -3.2.2.3.3 AMPRICEMENT HALL 27 (13) IMPROMYMIC ARMS J DIMES J STATE MUSIC, 12-1 Alphabet Soop, LDCAL PORECAST: 4-5 Capt 6-1 Date And Go & Alexas (Coupled) 10-1 Yanks Music, 12-1 Alphabet Soop, Crametic Gold Louis District 16-1 Editor's Note Will's Way, 20-1 Formal Gold and Mahogany Hail, 25-1 others.

MARKET RASEN

2.15 Wordsmith. 2.45 Uncle Keeny. 3.15 Deep Decision. 3.45 Ela Man Howa. 4.20 Dockmaster. 4.55 Thornton Gate. 5.25 Lord Of The Loch.

2.15 ASSOCIATED BRITISH PORTS SELLING

HANDICAP HURDLE (£1.982, 2m 1) 110yd) (1

- 354 SEA GOD &F M Craeman 5-12-0

- 345 WORNSMITH 42 (D.B. 63.1) Maria 5-11-11

- 355 ERBAN CORRY 31 M John 5-11-0

- 351 GEBNALLY GJ (G.B. Margar 5-11-1

- 353 COUNT OF ELBOURS 35 N Margar 5-10-1

- 353 COUNT OF ELBOURS 35 N Margar 5-10-1

- 353 COUNT OF ELBOURS 35 N Margar 5-10-1

- 354 COUNT OF ELBOURS 35 N Margar 5-10-1

- 4456 EURTROCK 11 (D.B.) H Alexander 5-10-1

- 4456 EURTROCK 11 (D.B.) H Alexander 5-10-1

- 350 TOP SEPTEN 10 M Yare 4-10-7

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- 350 TOP SEPTEN 17 K Wordhouse 5-10-0

- 350 TOP SEPTEN 15 Gargain 6-10-0

- 350 TOP SEPTEN 15 GARGAIN 15

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HANDICAP HURDLE (£1.982: 2m 1) 110yd) (13 runners)

W Watterglon

D Byros K Gental N Smah M McFarland

CARLISLE

THUNDERER 1.55 Contrafire, 2.25 Els Mata. 2.55 Bold Account. 3.25 Jocks Cross. 3.55 General Command. 4.30 Well Appointed. 5.00 Northern Fusilier.

GOING, GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) SIS 1.55 GREAT GABLE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,486. 2m 1f) (9 nunners)

1 CONTRAFRE 14 (D.F) ARS A SWINGIN #-11-4
10-0 PENTLAND SCHRIE 21 J Jeletson 5-10-12
CEGAL TOWNIAN AFF Mrs. I, Marchett 5-10-12
0-5TMGRING REE: 151 W Reed 5-10-12
P- HOMECREST 336 B CRISON #-10-11
P- MOMECREST 356 B CRISON #-10-11
P- MOMECREST 356 B CRISON #-10-11 | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Roset | Rose 4.5 Controller, 4-1 Manaco Cold. 6-1 Paltern Arms, 7-1 Amber Holly, 10-1 Peditand Square, 12-1 Regal Domain, 14-1 others

2.25 SADDLEBACK NOVICES HURDLE (£2,556: 2m 4i 110yd) (16) 1 -015 RULE OUT THE REST 10 (F) Mrs S Homer-Harter 5-11-5

1 - 015 ROLC DUT THE REST TO (F) Mrs S Home-Harter 5-11-5

2 GS-1 ELA MATA 14 (D,F,G) Mrs A Swinters 4-11-4. J Support

3 G-43 GALUSHAM 8 (F) I Feignan 8-10-12 R Downword

4 P71- RECHWYN LAD 209P (G) R Sinels 8-10-12 B Storey

5 P-5 LAURE-0 22 (F,E,S) (B) D Lamb 12-10-12 J Borke

6 A40- U TREBOY 10 J Jumes 5-10-12 T Rend

5 40-0 U TREBOY 10 J Jumes 5-10-12 J Callagham

5 SSD- SHAMAVOGH C21 5 Moore 5-10-12 J Callagham

10 SSY THE LEAST Mrs H Hope 5-10-12 S Hamsoff (7)

6 QS- THALEROS 14 B Moore 6-10-12 S Hamsoff (7)

6 QS- TRALEROS 14 B Moore 6-10-12 S Hamsoff (7)

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6 QS- SISHOR NORTOME 154 D Whiters 4-10-11 B Hamsoff (7)

50 C LARABELL C31 C Charlon 5-10-7 R Supplie

6 SSETER GALE 14 Mrs S Smith 4-10-5 Red 8-1 Mathres

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9-4 Eta Mata, 4-1 Sharamogh, 5-1 Thalancs, 7-1 Rute Dut The Rest, 8-1 Multins, 10-1 Cabastran, 12-1 Top Dancer, 20-1 others 2.55 HELVELLYN NOVICES CHASE

(£3,830: 2m 4f 110yd) (13) (£3,830: 2(7) 4(110yd) (13)

1 4321 CASTLERDYAL 2(6) 1 Ferguson (het 7-11-1). R Dummondy
2 1-25 MOVAC 12 10,61 Mex I Recent 7-11-11. M Foster
3 350- ALICHARGER 238 P Mortein 6-11-5. G Centil (3)
4 423- BOLD ACCOLUT 198 (5) 6 Moore 6-71-5. J Supplin
6 69- FOX ON THE FILM 298 6 Rectamts 9-11-5. J Supplin
6 7 P2- GANCALL 58 (6) D Whitains 10-11-5. D Bertley
8 7 P2- GANCALL 58 (6) D Whitains 10-11-5. D Bertley
9 67 KEMMORE-S 58 (6) D Whitains 10-11-5. M Jones
10 24-2 MR REDWEN 14 (FLS.) J Work 9-11-5. K Jones
11 263- SIAMMOREL 150 (F.6.) J Contino 9-11-5. A Supplin
12 213- SOLDAION'S DANCER 201 (B) 6 Richards 6-11-5. A Dobbin
13 USO- THE EDERRISEN 175 D Lamb 10-11-5. J Buffer
6-4 Columnia Index 2-7 Kentrum-Speed 5-1 Castleronal 7-1 Bold Account 8-

6-4 Solomon's Dancer, 7-2 Kermone-Speed, 5-1 Castleroyal, 7-1 Bold Account, 8-1 Moyac, 30-1 Garcal, 12-1 others 3.25 LADBROKES LUCKY CHOICE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,290: 3m 110yd) (5) 1 410- JOCKS CROSS 222 (C.S.) 6 Richards 5-12-0 ... A Dobbin 2 13P- THE STITCHER 15! (F) W Reed 5-11-10 ... T Reed 3 20-5 EXEMPLAR 11 (C.F.G) Mrs 5 Smith 8-10-12 ... R Suppl 4 565- GATE (DEEL, 150 G) F Resumpt 6-10-6 ... R Suppl 5 -025 EMPEROR CHANG 8 (F) K Warner 9-10-0 ... T Kent

6-4 Jacks Chass, 5-2 Grate Deel, 7-2 The Stitcher, 9-2 Exemplar, 10-1 Emperor Chang. 3.55 SCAFELL HANDICAP CHASE (£3,576: 3m) (6) 1 400- GREENHALL RAFFLES 210 (F.E.S) Mass I. Russell 10-12-8 2 22-1 SENERAL COMMAND 10 (F,S) & Rectards 8-11-10 A Diamondy

3 421 NUSHSALDO 15 (CD.F.G.) C Parlet 11-11-9 ... 8 Story

4 2-PP GO SILLY 15 (V.CD.F.G.S) 8 Effont 10-10-9 ... 6 Carlet CT)

4 1-0 GALE AHEAD 134 (D.F.G.) 6 Moves 6-1-5 ... It plentiny

5 6F-3 SUPPOSAN 15 (C.F.D.S) Mry 5 Smith 8-10-0 ... R Guest

8-11 General Command. 3-1 Kushbaloo. 8-1 Gate Ahoad, 10-1 Greenitift Raffles, 12-1 Supposis, 20-1 Go Silly 4.30 OLD MAN OF CONISTON HANDICAP HUROLE (£2,360: 2m 1i) (7) 1 3125 RELD OF VISION 7 (D.BF.F) Mic. A Swindbank 6-11-10 J Supple 2 -211 SUPERTOP 14 (F.G) Lungo 6-11-8 M Foster 3 544 V MELL APPOINTED 15 (D.D.) B Macrograf 7-11-7 G Luc (3) 4 56-2 FEN TERRER 17 (S) F Maniegh 4-11-1 A Dobbin 5 004 JAMADO STAR 152 (D.D.) J Doors 6-10-8 Shorey 6-432 LATIN LEADER 15 (B.F. Parks 6-10-5 D) Parks 7 400 ENVISIONMENTAL LAW 170 W McKnown 5-10-2 G Gabif (3)

9-4 Superior 3-1 Well Appointed 5-1 Latin Leader, 6-1 Field Of Vision, 7-1 Feet Terrier 10-7 Jumbo Star. 20-1 Emmonmental Lair 5.00 GREAT DODO STANDARD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,070: 2m 1f) (10)

17-10 Northern Fusilier, 4-7 Old Caveller, 7-1 Chill Factor, Look Sharpe, 8-7 Gastara, 12-1 Monrats Buzz, 14-1 others **COURSE SPECIALISTS** CARLISLE: Trainers: J Jellerson. (2 vonners from 39 nuners, 30,8%: Mrs M Reveley, 25 from 82, 30 5%, A Mhyllans, 3 from 13, 20,7%, G Richards, 27 from 147, 18.4%, Mrs. A Sainteant, 4 knm 24, 16.7%, Josephs: J Berte, 7 from 37, 18.9%, A Dobbyn, 19 from 102, 18.4%, J Callaghon, 7 knm 45, 15,6%; G Lee, 3 from 21, 14.3%, B Storey, 21 from 153, 13.7%.

MARKET RASER: Trainers: C. Mara, 3. eignes; kom 7. rümers, 42.93. N. Furkton-Bares, 7. bom 22., 31.8%, J. Jeferson, 9. kom 31, 29.0%; N. Balley, 12. bom 45, 26.7%. Jockeys: T. Jenks, 3. ereness from 3. rates, 37.5%, N. Williamson, 14. kom 50, 28.0%, M. Duyer, 20. hom 105, 19.0%, P. Neven, 17. kom 99, 17.2%, L. Wyer, 16. hom 100, 16.0%. TOMORROW'S MEETINGS; Huntingdom (first race, 200); Wetherby (1.20), Wincanton (2 10)

2.45 LINCOLNSHIRE BEEF DAY NOVICES CHASE (£3,969: 2m 41) (6) CO., DOCS. CAN. NO. (CV)

1. 72-3. CADER LERIS 146P (S) M/s M Reveiry 7-11-0. P Nives

2. 7-5. GEMS LAO 497 M/s 5 Smith 9-11-0. R Williamson (7)

3. 2334 RECORD LOVER 3F (F) M Chapman 6-11-0. W Worthington

4. 37-4. LWCLE KERNY 175 (G.S.) J O'Neil 6-11-0. M Dwyer

5. 115- SMINY DASSING 211 (F.G.S.) 7 Easterby 5-10-12... L Wyer

6. 725 MISTROY 14 (F) M/s; M Misligan 6-10-8. A S Smith

1-5 Simply Dashing, 3-1 Unite Name, 6-1 Cader Novs. 10-1 others 3.15 HOWARD SMITH TOWAGE AND SALVAGE HANDICAP CHASE (£4,560. 3m 11) (7) ANNUAL CATTACK (24,056.5) R Curis 10-11-10 ... D Walsh (5)
1 2123 RLUWALK 52 (0.5.6.5) R Curis 10-11-10 ... D Walsh (5)
1 5-42 DARK DAR 15 (0.5.6.5) 3 Datis 10-11-0 ... L Wyer
3 1914 MAGG BLOOM 15 (0.5.6.1) 4 Electron 10-10-9 E Callaghard
4 PS1 - 500 06 FRS 211 (0.5.6.1) 4 M Reveloy 8-10-7 P Newst
5 3100 EAST HOUSTON 21 (0.7.6.1) 3 O'RHAN 7-10-5 N Williamson
6 009- DEEP DECKSON 152 (0.7.6.1) 4 Checkborgh 10-10-4 A 5 South
7 - 1/31 GLENFRIN PRINCESS 14 (5.5) Mrs M Jones 8-10-3 ... D Byron

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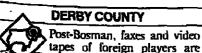
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THE TIMES GUIDE TO THE PREMIERSHIP THIS WEEKEND

ARSENAL

George Graham makes a piquant return to Highbury. where, for all his recent misadlove him. But in Leeds United he has taken ventures, most of the fans still over a team in desperate straits. Faint hope lies in the fact that Arsenal just now seem to find it difficult to beat anybody. Platt has still to find form and even the return of the virtuoso Dennis Bergkamp has not yet got things to flow. That Arsenal stand so high says more about the Premiership than it does about them.



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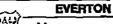
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DERBY COUNTY

tapes of foreign players are arriving on managers' desks on a daily basis and Jim Smith is taking more interest than most. His need to sign a striker is paramount. But it is hard to find the right person at a good price," he said. Dean Sturridge, joint leading scorer with two, misses tomorrow's game against Liverpool through ankle trouble and Smith must be rueing the decision to loan one of his forwards. Marco Gabbiadini, to Birmingham City. RH

ASTON VILLA

Brian Little bade farewell to an old friend and loyal servant this week, when John Gregory. his first-team coach, left Villa to take charge at Wycombe Wanderers. "I've hung on Brian's shirt-tails for long enough, Gregory said. When he turned up at the club's training ground for the last time, Little was appropriately distraught. He wore a black armband, had a handkerchief at the ready and sat with his head in his hands. "He was hamming it up really well," Gregory said. "I think."



Most managers complain that they have to play too much football. Recently Joe Royle has been complaining his team are not playing enough, with the October international break, the derby postponement last weekend and another international break coming up. "It's too long," Royle complained. "It's broken up the flow — you saw against West Ham that our play was very fragmentary." It has, though, given Dave Watson and John Ebbrell a chance to

BLACKBURN ROVERS

Ray Harford said that things would get better for his successor, because he would have Le Saux, Hendry and Sutton back. Harford thought he would be going next week, however, and Tony Parkes, the caretaker manager, does not have such luxuries for the visit to Upton Park. He joined the team coach to London for what was a subdued journey. The players reacted with some shock at the news yesterday - it seems that they were just about the

LEEDS UNITED

MIDDLESBROUGH

England player's attacking place against Wimbledon today. Fabrizio Ravanelli ben-efited from Beck's aerial prowess during

the midweek Coca-Cola Cup demolition of

Huddersfield but it will be harder today.

Walsh in goal.

With Bryan Robson, the man-

ager, refusing to discuss the

future of Nick Barmby, Mikkel

Beck seems certain to take the

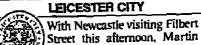
only people who did not know.

The return of George Graham and David O'Leary to Highbury today serves only to tell them the task they face at Elland Road. "When George came to Highbury, the club needed turning round." O'Leary said, "but he is facing a monumental task at Leeds. It is a much bigger job, there is a lot wrong here, and if he turns this round, it will be a phenomenal achievement. The squad is not good

enough." Graham concurs. A long, hard

CHELSEA

The game against Tottenham has been overshadowed by the death of Matthew Harding. If the Chelsea players, who liked him so much, are effectively in a state of mourning, who could blame them? And if the Tottenham men. too, are affected by the occasion, what could be more natural? It is evident that in recent weeks, things have gone badly wrong for Chelsea. Perhaps the belated return of Ruud Gullit will at last turn the tide. But it would be unfair to expect too much today.



NEWCASTLE UNITED

Faustino Asprilla. Asprilla has never been played in the position he likes best, behind a

centre forward, and it will be entertaining, if nothing else, to watch him attempting to

forge a partnership with Les Ferdinand.

Newcastle are going for their eighth

consecutive Premiership win, and that even

before Mark Lawrenson, the new defensive

coach, comes aboard - who needs him! DM

With Shearer out injured for a

month, there is obvious de-

spondency on Tyneside. Conso-

lation may come in the form of

Street this afternoon, Martin O'Neill, the Leicester manager. could be forgiven for concentrating fully on how to stop a side with the

talent to overcome the loss of Alan Shearer. Instead he is demanding more goals from his own team and not just through the strikers. Leicester have yet to score from midfield in the Premiership and O'Neill said: "Quality teams have a midfielder in double figures. At this rate our three will not get 10 between them."

COVENTRY CITY

Ron Atkinson's attempt to hu success — or, perhaps, survival — at Highfield Road continues to flounder, 20 months and £18 million into the job. Yet Bryan Richardson,

the club chairman, has promised further funds should Big Ron's policy of spend, spend, spend prove fruitless. "We are under no financial pressures and if we have to invest more money in the team, then there is no problem." Richardson said. The apparently bottomless pit of readies must be exhausted soon, surely.

LIVERPOOL

Robbie Fowler has the chance tomorrow to show that he is the man to fill the large hole for England created by the injury to Shearer. "I am ready for England, I feel as though I am up to the job." Fowler said. Roy Evans feels so, too, "Robbie has had a difficult season with injury, but he is over that, and I think he is the natural replacement for Shearer." he said. Evans will field the side selected to play against Everton last Sunday, which means no place for Collymore.

MANCHESTER UNITED

📑 Ryan Giggs's calf injury is beginning to worry United. Apart from a brief appearance against Liverpool as substitute, he has not played for United this month. He misses the game today at Southampton and is already looking doubtful for the Champions League match against Fenerbahce on Wednesday. His absence may be the opportunity for Ben Thornley, who had a good game against Swindon, after two years out with a cruciate ligament injury and a long slow recovery.

Middlesbrough have conceded 11 goals in just four games: no wonder that the hapless Alan Miller is replaced by Gary

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

Poor David Hirst. Four seasons ago he could have become a Manchester United player,

had Trevor Francis, then the Wednesday manager, not proved so intransigent. Instead he has endured an endless list of injuries at Hillsborough, and now he is experiencing the worst goal drought of his career. It surely will not be long before David Pleat looks to the promise of Richie Humphreys. Pleat is still without Collins and Briscoe, but Carbone, the new signing, is fit after a midweek injury scare.



Lionel Perez, strong on reflex saves, shaky on crosses, is left as the last line of defence against Aston Villa at Roker Park due to Tony Coton's broken leg. Perez will want to impress because Peter Reid, the manager, is apparently pursuing Lars Gaute Bo, the Norway goalkeeper. A former England player. Paul Stewart, hopes to open his Premiership goalscoring account at Villa's expense and could find the 8-year-old Michael Bridges playing up front alongside him.

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NOTTINGHAM FOREST

them that was not the case. Following the

Coca-Cola Cup defeat to West Ham on Wednesday, his opinion shifted. There is

no doubt we are in crisis." Clark admitted.

There is so much to put right and I do not

know where to start." Try the treatment room. He desperately needs Stuart Pearce

to recover from a back problem for the

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game on Monday against Everton.

Seven days ago, Frank Clark.

the manager, conceded that

outsiders might think the club

was in crisis, but reassured

As Southampton aim to repeat the victory of last season over that team who used to play in grey, the recent return from injury of Jason Dodd, an old hand in a new role, has been as encouraging as the form of the new signings. "I see him as a key man, because he can play in so many positions," Graeme Souness said of the former full back. "I like to use him in midfield. He is

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

aggressive, he can pass the ball, he can get about the park." Remind you of

anybody?"

Slaven Bilic, the Croatia and West Ham defender, now has an inflated wage packet to match his ego, after successful pay negotiations with his Upton Park

masters. He will not be joining Tottenham. as was once widely mooted. "I never wanted to go to Spurs," he said this week. "Sure. they are a big team but, with respect to them, I would only leave West Ham to join a big, big club. They're just not big enough for me to give up all the happiness i in enjoyir here." Ouch.



WEST HAM UNITED

Hugo Porfirio might have been playing at Upton Park today — for Blackburn. The fleet-footed Portuguese, who has made such a striking impression, had a trial at Ewood Park last season, but quickly cut it short and was then highly critical of Rovers' inflexible, direct style. Ray Harford may have gone, but the style remains. Porfirio should lead West Ham to their third home win in a week, "He is a special talent," Harry Redknapp, the manager, said. A

bounce back. But with seven wins behind good judge, too, it seems. us, why can't we get ten?" Reports: Brian Glarwille, Peter Ball, Russell Kempson, Richard Hobson, Louise Taylor, Nick Szczepanik, Keith Pike, David Maddock, Statistics: Julian Desborough

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MIDDLESBROUGH v WIMBLEDON

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CHELSEA v TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

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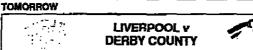
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COVENTRY CITY v SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY TICKETS: Seats available

WIMBLEDON

keeps confidence going," Neil Sullivan, the

goalkeeper, said. Joe Kinnear's reaction

("what run?") was typically laid-back, but he conceded that Wimbledon's underdog

days may be over. "People are saying about

us now, 'we want to beat them'." And when

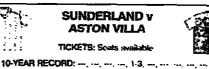
someone does? "It's how quickly you can

The pressure to extend their run of wins to eight, equalling the Premiership record, is not getting to Wimbledon. "It

10-YEAR RECORD: 1-0, 3-0, 5-0, 1-4, ---, 0-0, 1-0, 1-1, 2-0, 0-1 HOW THEY LINE UP

COVENTRY CITY (from): S Ogrzowic, B Borrows, L Deish, D Burrows, R Shaw, M Hall, P Telter, K Richardson, G McAllister, J Salako, D Dubtin, N Whelan, P Ndiovu, E Jess, M O'Neill, A Ducros, M Isaias,

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (from): K Pressman, P Athorion, I Nolan, D Walker, J Newsome, R Blinker, O Trustlutt, G Hyde, B Carbona, A Booth, D Hist, S Nicol, R Humphreys, G Whiltingham, S Oakes,



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ASTON VILLA (from): M Bosnich, M Oakes, U Etriogu, G Southgate, C Tiler, R Scimeca, F Nelson, T Wright, I Taylor, M Drapor, A Townsond S Curcic, G Farrelly, J Joachim, T Johnson, D Yorke, S Milosevic





NOTTINGHAM FOREST v **EVERTON**

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HOW THEY LINE UP NOTTINGHAM FOREST (from): M Crossley, A Feltis, D Lyttle, A / Haaland, C Cooper, D Phillips, C Bart-Wiltoms, S Germuil, / Woan, D Saunders, P McGregor, J Lee, B Roy, V Warner, S Blatherwick.

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LEICESTER CITY V NEWCASTLE UNITED TICKETS: Sold out

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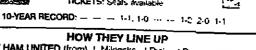
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WEST HAM UNITED V € **BLACKBURN ROVERS**

TICKETS: Seals available



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FOOTBALL

Issue of safety at grounds cannot become a lottery

FOR the second Saturday running, spectators in lootball stadiums are being asked to observe a minute's silence. Today it is as a mark of respect for Matthew Harding, killed in a helicopter crash while indulging his passion for Chelsea. A week ago it was for 84 Guatemalans suffocated to death in a sickening replay of the Hillsborough terracing tragedy of 1989 - the same circumstances of overcrowding, panic, and those damned fences preventing escape. Look around you. You will he no fences in Great Britain

loday. Look at the top level, and there are new cantilever stands replacing or refurbishing old ones. There are seven new stadiums, nine more in the building stage.

Now, consider this: that because of the effect of the

National Lottery, which is about to double, the funds available to put a safe roof over the heads of the remaining stands in professional football are 50 per cent down, It is half-time in the Taylor

report stipulation on modernising and making sale football grounds. The Premier League and first division have had the bulk of the money so far, but if the Government insists on the Taylor timetable - that the lower divisions must comply by the end of the decade - and the drip-feed of money available from the Football Trust continues to dry up, then consequence will be closure of grounds, and diminution of the structure of 92 professional clubs in England, and more in Scotland and

There is no crying wolf. The danger is very real that football, having followed the Taylor recommendations to rebuild from the top down, could now starve the clubs that need money to survive.

One does not argue with the priority: the greatest threat to public safety was indisputably in old Victorian grounds at the top of the league, which periodically threatened to claim the lives of paying customers. But the link between Harding,





Weekend View

football fan grown into insurance multimillionaire, and this dire problem of funding, is writ large. Harding's reported wealth

was very close to the £139 million that the Football Trust has contributed so far to £437 million already expended on bringing grounds to safe allseater levels under Taylor. However, the unequal distribution of wealth in society. never mind the national game. has always been with us. It merely seems anomalous in this situation that Harding. together with Jack Walker, the Blackburn Rovers benefactor, could have paid for the regeneration programme between them.

It was a misleading signal. So is the multimillion-pound turnover at clubs like Manchester United, Newcastle United and Liverpool. And clubs hardly help themselves at any level in the

Gillingham this week got themselves into trouble with the police by allegedly overcrowding their little stadium for the visit of Coventry City. Southampton annoyed visitors from Lincoln City by failing to anticipate a full house. Middlesbrough have just released Branco, the Brazilian defender who started just six matches, but who arrived overweight and under-motivated, and still will have cost the club £750,000 in

paid-up salary. The same club is trying to sell Nick Barmby, and doubtless will lose a couple of million pounds on that mistake as well.

These constant reports of money, the flock of leading clubs towards the Stock Exchange, make the plea of Lord Aberdare, the chairman of the Football Trust, evermore a cry in the wilderness. His trustees include the

Football League and the Pro-fessional Footballers' Association, the parties which have just ended an acrimonious battle for the spoils of the TV pol. Yet Lord Aberdare, announcing that Football Trust income has slipped towards half the £37 million it was before the National Lottery, is trying to persuade the Government either to further decrease its tax on the pools money, which accounts for £8 of every £10 the Trust receives, or to extend the deadline by which lower and impoverished clubs can rebuild their amenities.

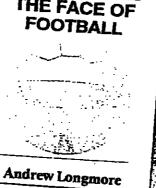
Those working for the Trust are in constant touch with the game and the Government. We hope that football, with its new wealth, will play its full part, Lord Aberdare said. While hope is eternal, the deadline is not. And while Sunderland, preparing to move next season to a £12

million stadium at Wearmouth, are assured of a £2.5 million grant, not only are the prospects for the second and third division clubs diminishing, but the Football Trust commitment to grass-roots football and to community schemes has also dried up. Without some Government

action, or some benevolence from the wealthy within the game, the bottom will fall out of professional football. There remains one area of positive discrimination. The Trust has so far contributed

5669,000 to granting women a level playing field — and, whereas Trust aid towards the provision of men's toilets is 70 per cent, for women and disabled the Trust pledges 85 per cent. For once in the game, it is ladies first.

Record books beckon leader of the gang THE FACE OF



transform Wimbledon Tith three games gone in the season. with no points and no goals, the pundits were queueing up to sign the death warrant of the footballing phenomenon known as Wim bledon FC. No one needed to

meets Joe Kinnear.

who has managed to

look at the small print on the epitaph. "Toughest season yet no money to spend ... different game now ... Wim-bledon for the drop, in other words. Few bothered to listen to Joe Kinnear, the manager, when he pointed out that Manchester United (home). Newcastle United and Leeds United (away) was a start devised by a warped FA Carling Premiership fixture computer.

What gave some additional credence to the doom-mongers was the sound of strife behind the net curtains. Dean Holdsworth wanted to take his modelling career somewhere else. Oyvind Leonhardsen was haggling over a new contract and Vinnie Jones, the symbol of all that was bad about Wimbledon's ways, had just been sent off again. At last, the Crazy Gang was about to self-Seven games and seven

wins later, Kinnear and his patchwork army of homegrown guards, such as Perry and Ardley, and pocketmoney recruits, such as Gayle and McAllister, divide Newcastle United and Arsenal from Manchester United and Liverpool in the top five. Today, Wimbledon travel to Middlesbrough hoping to equal the Premiership record of eight straight wins, set by Manchester United. It does not take a



taken straight from the gospel according to the underprivileged. Ravanelli (£7 million). Juninho (£4.75 million). Emerson (£4 million); Wimbledon (£4.25 million). A team of wealthy merchants just ripe for the highwayman. You can work it out from there, and from Kinnear's suspicion of overpriced foreign imports.

"If I was given £5 million to spend, I'd have to look at the overall picture and ask myself: 'What's this superstar really going to do for me? Will all our lads respond to him or is he just going to be another fat cat? I'd have no bother buying Shearer for £15 million because he would score

players, but you have to be very careful." Though the club has grown

up and shed some of its more dubious excesses under Kinnear, the old union attitudes still thrive, particularly when the gap between "them" which now includes old misers such as Coventry City and "us" widens every year. The ghetto-blaster beats out its traditional warning through the wall of the opposition dressing-room, but the transport café that was once the training headquarters of

Wimbledon now exudes the cosy, slightly chaotic warmth out that Kinnear's you 30 goals a season and has been swept under the of a student common-room.

sofa; the press - the object of bewilderment, not bitterness, these days - is welcomed with open arms and cups of tea. On Wednesday night, Robbie Earle could be found playing the pundit on Carlton Sport and Jones was resplendent in orange jacket having a cuddly talk-in with Des Lynam on Sportsnight. A terrible rash of respectability has broken out around football's

favourite villains. Kinnear must take much of the credit for changing styles without conceding success. His players say that he has mellowed recently, but there h chill in the voice to warn off potential scroungers. Helearnt his trade from the tacitum Bill Nicholson, who

had a sneaking affection for the one member of that expensively uphoistered Tottenham Hotspur side in the Sixties and Seventies who cost not a penny, and has not a lot of time for fancy dans.

"He told me not to be overawed by the big names around me and that gave me self-belief." Kinnear said. "He also taught me to have pride in my performance. He'd say: There are 40,000 people out there. Each one would give their right arm to wear the shirt you're wearing now go out and show it to them." Hard if, as is so often the case at Selhurst Park, the crowd numbers barely five

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At 47. Kinnear is enjoying a rare moment in the limelight. Like his club, he has been too easily pigeon-holed. Not a good manager or a bad manager, but the Wimbledon manager, with all the baggage that carries. On his mantel piece at his home in Mill Hill, next to the shelves of Premiership videos from which he prepares meticulous game-

'A terrible rash of respectability now covers football's favourite villains'

olans, stands a glass football. the trophy awarded to the Managers' Manager of the Managers Manager of the Year 1994-95, voted for by all the 92 managers in England. Yet Kinnear's name rarely

crops up when the names for big jobs are being touted. He pretends not to worry too much about that "Something will pop up," he said. There are compensations. At Wimbledon, he deals only with the owner, Sam Hammam, not with a board or a host of committees. Kinnear likes the freedom, likes being quick on his feet, the leader of a guerrilla gang. Today will be no different,

record or no record. Kinnear has told his players to think of winning ten in a row, or 12, or 15. Our aim is to get into Europe, but realistically if we finish in the top ten it will be a credit to everyone at the club," he said. "I always say this club just needs someone to put But if we take our foot off the nd it and love it accelerator, there are always some little so-and-so's waiting for us round the corner."

Gravesend look for cup of cheer

GRAVESEND and Northfleet launched this season on a wave of optimism after their sails had been filled by the FA Cup run that took them to Villa Park in January (Walter Gammie writes). Yet they return to Cup action today, against Stevenage Borough in the fourth qualifying round, listing badly at the bottom of the Dr Martens League pre-

mier division. Lionel Ball, the chairman, said: "We are all shattered. We were expecting great things. It shows how things can go wrong in this game. Some of the players are not performing up to the expected standards."

The inevitable casualty of the club's start to the season was Chris Weller, the "Iguana Man", whose reptile collection excited as much attention as the team he took to play at Aston Villa, where Gravesend lost 3-0 in front of 26,000 in the

third round last season. Veller's successor was a player-manager, Steve Lovell, 36, the former Wales forward. Two wins and two draws from 13 league matches suggests his side has a mighty task against Stevenage, the Vauxhall Conference champions. The winners will be out of the showers quickly to take in the firstround draw, which is on BBC1 at 5.10pm.

Still no room for Rush as Gould recalls Jones

By Russell Kempson

VINNIE JONES, the Wimbledon midfield player, has been recalled by Wales for their World Cup qualifying match against Holland in Eindhoven on November 9. However, Ian Rush, the Leeds United striker, has again been ignored by Bobby Gould, the manager. Wales need at least a draw

in Holland to resurrect their chances of winning group seven, which they lead by virtue of two easy victories against San Marino. Though they led 1-0 against the Dutch in Cardiff three weeks ago, they eventually lost 3-1.

Gould feels the need for more combative qualities in Eindhoven with Jones, 31, who made the last of his five international appearances against Switzerland in April, guaranteed to provide the extra edge. "We're going into a cauldron and we'll need all the experienced players we can muster," Gould said, "Vinnie is a competitor and, when a player is playing well in a team that's also playing well, you have to look at him. Rush, yet to score for Leeds this season, has been over-looked by Gould, with John

Hartson, of Arsenal, likely to

replace Mark Hughes, who is

attack. Hartson, who has won five senior caps, has scored ten goals in seven under-21 matches. John is champing at the bit and it's difficult to hold him back," Gould said.

Mark Crossley, the Notting-

ham Forest goalkeeper, who was born in Barnsley, has been placed on standby after confirming his eligibility. His late grandfather was Welsh, from Wrexham. Ryan Giggs returns to the squad after a one-match suspension, which forced him to miss the defeat in Cardiff.

Steve Coppell, the new Manchester City manager, is hoping to increase the Nationwide League first division



Gould: after experience

club's Georgian contingent to three by signing Kakhaber Tskhadadze, 28, the Frankfurt defender. "He's tall, strong, powerful in the air and would give us another option,"
Coppell said. Tskhadadze, the
Georgia captain, would join
his compatriots Georgiou Kinkladze and Mikhail Kavelashvili at Maine Road. Richard Gough, the long-

serving Rangers defender, is to be given a free transfer at the end of the season. He is expected to conclude his career with a lucrative move to play in the Japanese J-League.

Gough, 34, is the most successful Rangers captain since the war, collecting six championship, three Scottish Cup and four League Cup winners' medals. He joined Witners' medals. He joined the club ten years ago.
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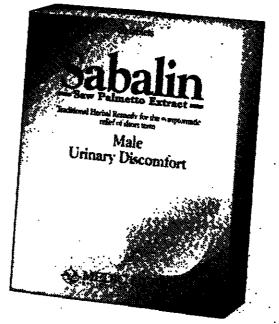
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suspended, in the Wales SHINTY: KINGUSSIE LAMENT LACK OF REAL CHALLENGE TO THEIR SUPREMACY Newtownmore hoping to bounce back

By COLL MACDOUGALL

WHILE Kingussie, runaway leaders in the Marine Harvest Premier League, can look forward to an easy contest this weekend, at Drumneerochit against Glenurquart, who are finding it difficult to meet the standards required at this level, a much closer encounter can be anticipated at Eilan, where Newtownmore clash with Fort William.

These two pretenders for Kingussie's title have both lost to them. Newtownmore suffering a double-figure drubbing last week, which left them four points adrift, with Fort William a further point behind.

Although Newtownmore did shock their old adversaries Newtownmore by going two goals up in nine minutes, they faded badly thereafter. The ease with which Ronald Ross knocked in seven goals and Kevin Thain another three is indicative of the gap between Kingussie and the rest of the teams in the

ian Ross, the Kingussie manager, said this week that he was disappointed at the failure of other sides to provide real competition. "When the league was created," he said, "it was stated forcefully that all eight teams would be of a similar standard and that one-sided matches would be a

thing of the past. This has not happened and I blame those who are not putting enough effort into building their teams and seeing they are fit and trained to the highest level in the basic skills."

While Ross is fortunate he has so many battle-hardened players, David Cheyne, his Newtownmore counterpart, has a young side with only three experienced players in it. While Newtownmore have had an encouraging run, very often at the expense of those too complacent to contemplate defeat by what have been called "a bunch of rookies". the rout by Kingussie was a pointed reminder that success

can be gained only through a balanced combination of youth and experience. Fort William have such a balance but have acquired the unfortu-nate habit of losing to teams that they should beat easily.

Inverary, who snatched their second victory of the season by the narrowest of margins over Glasgow Mid Argyll, the bottom club, face a much more formidable chall-

enge against Kyles Athletic. David McPherson has had to rebuild his Inverary side and they may struggle to cope with Kyles, whose poor performance against Oban Camanachd will have brought them up with a jolt.



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Braves facing test of nerves in Yankee's back yard

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Harford bows to inevitable at Blackburn

By Peter Ball

EIGHTEEN months ago, Ray Harford embarked on a mission to build on the championship success of the Blackburn Rovers side he inherited from Kenny Dalglish. It proved to be mission impossible. Yesterday he resigned from the manager's post at Ewood Park with the club bottom of the FA Carling Premiership and out of the Coca-Cola Cup.

"It's important the club comes out of the situation it is in and maybe a change will help," Harford said at a press conference at the club's Brockhall training ground yesterday morning. I could have stayed, Jack Walker wanted me to stay, but I didn't think it was doing the club any good. The decision had to be taken and, hopefully, it is the right decision for everybody."

The move had been on the cards for some time. Blackburn are the only team in England without a league win and defeat on Tuesday evening by Stockport County, of the Nationwide League second division, in the third round of the Coca-Cola Cup made it inevitable. "I've spent a lot of time thinking about it since the Stockport game." Harford said. That game finally clinched it — the result and performance was the last

Tony Parkes steps up as caretaker manager, a task he has performed with some success before, notably in the month before the appointment of Kenny Dalglish five years ago. This time, his task may be

It may also be hard for the club to find a manager of the stature of Dalglish, but that is clearly what is needed to stabilise Blackburn if they are to regain their status — albeit brief — among the country's big clubs. Howard Kendall, presently at Sheffield United, will be the favourite to get the job, with Terry Venables, Bruce Rioch and, perhaps, Howard Wilkinson also coming under consideration. Rob Coar, the club chairman, ruled out any suggestion of an appeal to Dalglish to return.

Jones recalled

Whatever his difficulties,

Harford has always conducted himself with honour and

integrity and he handled his departure with typical honesty. I take the responsibility for the club's position, but I don't take a lot of the blame." he reflected. "There were not many things I'd have done differently this year; last year, there were a few things I should have done."

Harford was a big influence as coach as Dalglish, supported by the ambition and money of the club's benefactor, Walker, took the club into the Premiership and to the championship in the space of four seasons. He may feel that his biggest mistake was deciding to stay on as manager after Dalglish relinquished the

MANAGEMENT CAREER



Harford: last straw

1987: Appointed Lution menager.
1988: Led Lution to 3-2 League Cup hinal
frumph over Asserial, Defeated in FA
Cup semi-lined by Wimbledon.
1989: Took Lution to second successive
League Cup final, losing 3-1 to
Nottinghem Forest.
1990: Sacked, allegedly for "not smiling
enough". Appointed menager of
Wimbledon, succeeding Bobby Gould.
1991: Joined Blackburn as Kenny
Delphish's sesistant
1992: Won promotion via the play-offs to
the Premier League.
1995: Blackburn won their first champlonship for 81 years. Delglish made
director of football, handing the reins
over to Harford

director or rounses, reasoning to the control of the control of the control of the control of the characteristic but were entermassed in the Characteristic but were entermanassed in the Characteristic capus Hariard resigned with the club languishing in lest place without a league win this season

He had always said that he wanted to become manager at a new club rather than moving up as an internal appointment, but, when the chance came, he could not resist. "Perhans, as a career move. that was a mistake," he said. "but how can you turn down European Cup matches? How could you turn down running one of the best clubs in

Britain?" It proved an uneasy inheritance, with the European Cup Champions' League campaign last season turning into a disaster, culminating in the fight between two players. David Batty and Graeme Le Saux, in Moscow. Perhaps more damagingly, Harford had failed to strengthen the team the previous summer and, when he did go into the transfer market, it was a case of too little, too late. Even so, the side only failed to qualify for the Uefa Cup last season

This season began with the sale of the club's best player, Alan Shearer, to Newcastle United for £15 million. "For a player of Alan's calibre to leave us two weeks before the start of the season gave us a mountain to climb," Coar admitted. "If he'd gone in May or June, the buying season would have been there and we'd have had a chance to replace him - but he left after

"I just hope I'm not going

"We need new players," for the game at West Ham get out of the situation. The togetherness has been starting to go - when you lose games it does. Sometimes a change can bring that back."

Blackburn must hope so. At least the new man, when he arrives, will have one advantage. "They are coming in at a low position." Harford said. "I

FROM JOHN HOPKINS

GOLF CORRESPONDENT

AT YALDERRAMA

THINGS were not going to

plan as Colin Montgomerie

hauled himself up the steps

from the elevated 14th green to

the even more elevated 15th tee

here yesterday. Montgomerie,

the winner of the European order of merit, was at that

moment three over par in the

Volvo Masters. He was at

least six strokes behind Paul

Curry, who had taken over the

lead midway through the sec-

Montgomerie reached the

turned to look towards the

green and the Mediterranean

in the distance. He walked to

the front of the tee to pick up

some grass and threw it up to

test the wind direction. The

wind was blowing from the

east, known as the Levante,

making this hole, the longest

of the four par-threes, even

He had played badly in the

first round; yesterday he was

worse. He was fighting a

tendency to hook the ball,

ond round.

more difficult.

by one point.

the buying season had closed."

too late, because the situation is bad," Harford said. "To be safe will be a success this year, the way things are. To survive and plan for next year is the target." After the expectations of 18 months ago, that target is revealing, but realistic.

United today, "We're short of players, certainly up front but without spirit you won't

could only go down."

which is unusual for him, and he had taken 40 to the turn. one birdie doing little to offset the damage of four bogeys and one double bogey.

Successive birdies on the 13th and 14th did no more to help his score than a light handage does to staunch serious bleeding. This was hardly the down the middle, on the green, two putts sort of round for which Montgomerie is famous. There would be 13 rounds below par, but his would not be one of them. Then came one of those

sublime moments when Montgomerie hit almost the fect stroke. It was a twoiron and, from the moment that the ball left the clubface, it never moved from its target. It looked so perfectly

weighted, so well flighted and so accurate that it seemed certain to end in the hole. From back on the tee, as it landed, it looked as though it was nestling against the flagstick. Montgomerie had not had much to enjoy, but his face was wreathed in a smile

"It wasn't as close as it

the green. The long 17th, a hole later. "It was about ten feet [away]." On some days, Montgomerie would have him no respite. rammed in the putt without any difficulty. Yesterday, though, the ball cannoned into

the hole and spun away.

Montgomerie dropped a further stroke on the 16th, when his drive ended in a hole from where he could only bobble the ball along the ground to within 60 yards of

Curry, an unexpected leader of the Volvo Masters after 36 holes, drives from the 9th tee on his way to a 69 at Valderrama yesterday

Montgomerie finds fleeting form

SCORES

LEADENS AFTER TWO ROLINDS: 137; P Curry 68, 69 138; S Arnes (Irin) 67, 71 140; A Oldcom 74, 68; C Suneson (Sp) 71, 69 141; M McShitly (Zim) 72, 69; R Claydon 71, 70; J Cocxera (Arg) 71, 70 142; B Langer (Ger) 73, 69; G Orr 72, 70; G Turner (NZ) 72, 70; L Westwood 71, 71; F Notbio (NZ) 71, 71; P Hamington 69, 73 143; W Riley (Aus) 73, 70; D Clarke 72, 71; C Rocca (Iti, 69, 74; P Lawise 69, 74, 144; R Russell 72, 72; W Westner (SA) 70, 74, 145; I Woosnam 76, 69, 8 Davis (Aus) 75, 70; P Mitchell 74, 71; D Borrego (Sp) 74, 71; D Gillord 73, 72; D Howell 72, 73; T P Biom (Den) 71, 74; B Chapman 71, 74; D Carter 70, 75; J Payre 69, 76, 148; R Russell 74, 72; A Sherborne 74, 72; P Brosofturst 73, 72; R Green (Aus) 73, 74; S Torsnote 73, 74; I P Mitchell (Chres) 75, 72; P Bider 75, 72; P Constant 75, 75; P Eales 74, 74; M A Martin (Sp) 73, 75; D Frost (SA) 73, 75; P-U Johansson (Swe) 71, 77

Lewis seeks

\$10m from

King over

title bout

By SRIKUMAR SEN

BOXING CORRESPONDENT

LENNOX LEWIS has started

legal action against Don King.

the American promoter, and

the World Boxing Council

(WBC). Lewis's American at-

torneys started proceedings in

a New Jersey court and are seeking \$10 million (about £6.5

million) for damages and loss

of earnings.
Panns Eliades, Lewis's

backer, started the aciton

because Lewis's bout with

Oliver McCall, which was to

have been staged on Decem-

ber 26, has been put off for

another month, contrary to a

ruling by a New Jersey court.

bid to stage the Lewis-McCall

contest for the vacant WBC

crown, was obliged to hold the

bout within 90 days of the bid.

King, who won the purse

that the professionals either tolerate or dislike, brought "It is a good matchplay

hole," Montgomerie had said on Wednesday, implying, by not saying so, that it was a bad strokeplay hole. His second shot just trickled over the green and ran down into a swale. Now, he had to chip back down the sloping green on a lightning-fast surface. He stopped his ball 15 feet past the hole and two-putted for a par that seemed to summarise his

His 75 was nine strokes vorse than Andrew Oldcorn's 66, the lowest of the day. Whereas Oldcorn had putted well, Montgomerie had not. Whereas Curry, the leader, had gone round in 69 and was five under par for 36 holes. Montgomerie was four over. While Stephen Ames, who had taken a 71 and was lying second, one stroke behind Curry, would say that the course had been defenceless in the second round, Montgomerie had found more than

enough obstacles.

voice is so soft that you have to strain to hear it. He is not used to leading tournaments after 36 holes, not even the 1994 Jersey Open, which was his only win in a 17-year career as a professional. "I'd settle for a total of five under." Curry Bernhard Langer and Ian

Montgomerie is noisy. His

Woosnam, two of Montgomerie's team-mates in the Ryder Cup last year, were among those who had beaten par. Both had rounds of 69. Alexander Cejka, the defending champion, improved from a 78 in his first round to a 73.

All these scores, though, were incidental to Montgomerie. He lay joint-thirtieth and, if there is no improvement, it will be one of his worst finishes of the year. "I have developed a hook

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and I am fighting Montgomerie said, as fie walked purposefully towards the practice ground. "I am very disappointed. I have got to go and work on it. Of course I know what's wrong, I am a professional."

Graham offered hand of forgiveness

BY DAVID MADDOCK

GEORGE GRAHAM returns to Highbury this afternoon, with his Leeds United team, 18 months after he was sacked by Arsenal following allegations over illegal payments. He is going back with a pang in his heart, but without a tear in his

Graham says he will walk the corridors with his head held high. He also anticipates a warm welcome from the Arsenal supporters.

"I'll get a great reception. I think what was achieved there and the honours we won will ensure a tremendous re-sponse, both from the terraces and from the employees," he said. "I had a wonderful career, both as a manager and a player at Highbury, so why should it be any other way? What happened has never been a problem to me, and you'll probably see by the reception I'll get, it was not a problem to the supporters." Graham was dismissed and

year for accepting money from Rune Hauge, the Norwegian agent. "Being shown the back door." Graham said, "was the worst moment of my career at Highbury." Sir Peter Hill-Wood, the

Arsenal chairman, said yesterday that the time had come to put these turbulent events behind them. "We will invite George into the boardroom because it is all now history," Graham, when pressed on

his feelings about the directors who sacked him, and whether he would go into the boardroom, merely shrugged and said: "We'll wait and sec."

He will enjoy the day. whatever his feelings over his sacking - privately they are still strong — and he will also enjoy trying to put one over his

"Trying to be professional, it shouldn't be different from any other game, but obviously it is. I spent 15 years there and have very happy memories, so I will probably have a job subsequently banned for a picking out the right dressingroom. I'm not the sort of person who will get choked or have a tear or anything like that, but of course there will be emotions.

The years I was there as a player and a manager have been my most successful years, and you can't take that away. I will always have a bit of Arsenal in my heart." Arsenal, for their part, are

concentrating more on the prospect of victory than the



return of their former manager, because they have the chance to regain the leader-ship of the FA Carling Premiership, should they win and Newcastle United get beaten by Leicester City at Filbert

Newcastle can equal the record set by Manchester United of eight consecutive Pre-miership victories, but they are not alone in standing on the verge of a historic win.

Wimbledon, too, have recorded seven straight wins and are looking to extend that sequence at Middlesbrough. Wimbledon, who have reached the heady heights of third in the table, welcome back Efan Ekoku, Neil Ardley and Ben Thatcher.

Newcastle received some good news yesterday, and made a significant appointment to boot. The operation to repair Alan Shearer's damaged groin was successful. and the doctors at Princess Grace hospital, in London suggested that he may, in fact,

the six to eight weeks they had originally suggested.

Mark Lawrensen, a European Cup-winning centre

back with Liverpool, has been brought in to work as a defensive coach at Newcastle. It is one of the few clubs I would have returned to the game for," he said.

Newcastle have also made Torquay an offer — believed to be £300,000 — for their St Vincent international, Rodney Jack, who has been on trial at St James' Park for a week. "The offer is not what you'd call over the top, and the deal is by no means cut and dried." Mike Bateman, the Torquay chairman said.

The previous biggest fee received by Torquay was the E180,000 Manchester United paid them for Lee Sharpe. observed at all Premiership

One minute's silence will be matches this weekend in memory of Matthew Harding. the charismatic, multimillionaire vice-chairman of Chelsea. who was killed in a helicopter

When he was unable to find a date for the bout, however, he was granted an extension of 30 days by the WBC. Lewis has been training for the past four weeks for a bout in December. "We're not pre-

pared to wait any longer than December 26. Eliades said. "It was decided by the court that Lennox's fight for the WBC title must be held within 90 days of the purse bids and now King has been given an extension until January 26. We are not going to agree,"

The battle between the parties has raged since Lewis was overlooked as No I contender after winning a final eliminator against Lionel Butler in 1993. Lewis has already received \$4.6 million from King for releasing Mike Tyson from a court order to meet the Briton before anyone else.

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Robson demands £6m for unsettled Barmby BY DAVID MADDOCK



NICK BARMBY, the England international, has been put up for sale by Middlesbrough just 14 months after Bryan Robson, the manager, spent a then club record £5.25 million to move him

north from Tottenham Hotspur. Robson, however, has so far rejected a £5 million offer from Everton for the forward, claiming that he is worth more now than the price originally paid for him. Blackburn Rovers and Leeds United are also interested in the player.

Barmby has become increasingly unhappy at Middlesbrough and Robson explained that he has taken the decision to sell such a talented young player simply because his partnership with Juninho, the Brazilian, has not gelled. "I

thought I could play the two behind a main striker, but it has just not worked out," Robson said, "We have been overpowered on too many occasions this season because of it. I think Barmby has a big future, and he is a top player, but I think it is best he moves."

Robson was keen to stress, though, that he will not let the player go for less than the valuation he has made of around £6 million. "If I get an offer at the right price that will further his career, then I will consider it carefully," he said.

Everton have been keen on the forward for some time. They have also bid for Trevor Sinclair, of Queens Park Rangers. but will have to increase their offers for both players if they are to be successful. Ray Harford, the outgoing manager at Blackburn, was also a big fan of Barmby

and the interest from Ewood Park will be maintained despite the absence, at present, of Harford's permanent replacement. Robson, though, denied that Tim Flowers, the Blackburn goalkeeper, could be involved in a swap deal for Barmby. Robson is also prepared to listen to

offers for Jan Fjortoft, the Norway international, who has not played in the FA Carling Premiership this season because of the arrival of Fabrizio Ravanelli from Italy. Fiortoft. 29. has turned down moves

abroad and Portsmouth have expressed interest in him. This has been a frustrating season for me, especially as I have lost my international place," he said. "I must get back on the big stage before I can play for my country again."

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